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Plant Certification Extensions

In addition to the Safety Matters bulletin (SM-059) issued on March 17, 2020, which addressed the importance of social distancing to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 and curb the peak of the outbreak, Concrete Ontario has also been working together with third-party Engineers to outline a strategy for the upcoming certification audits of ready-mix plants and trucks.

To protect the health and safety of our third-party Engineers and to minimize interactions with members, Concrete Ontario will be **extending the deadline for all upcoming full audits to June 1, 2020**. Full audits are defined as the audits requiring a third-party Engineer to visit the plant and conduct a full inspection. Concrete Ontario recognizes that this change will create additional demand for third-party Engineers in June and we are willing to address each unique case at that time.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has also been consulted on this proposal, and they fully support the extensions under the current circumstances. MTO has agreed to recognize the extension of plant certification on the understanding that plants will continue to operate in full compliance with all of the requirements of the Concrete Ontario certification program, during the period of the extension. The certification extension information will be distributed internally by the MTO to notify all Contract Administrators of the change.

The change will be reflected immediately on our website, under the updated Plant Status List on the [Production Facilities](#) page.

Please note that mid-term documentation must still be provided to Concrete Ontario in a timely fashion to extend the certification date. Staff will work diligently with all members to help any way they can to minimize the impact on the daily business of members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Alen Keri, P.Eng, Director of Technical Services, at akeri@concreteontario.org.

Thank you all for your commitment to safety as we navigate these challenging times.

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