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Plant Certification 2nd Extension

As Ontario starts to gradually reopen, with public health and safety measures in place, the government has extended the declaration of emergency to June 30th, 2020 and continues to promote physical distancing whenever possible. The construction industry has been given the green light to proceed with all construction projects, increasing the demand of ready mixed concrete. In response, Concrete Ontario has been working together with our third-party Engineers to outline a strategy for handling the backlog of certification audits, of ready-mix plants and trucks, that have resulted from Covid-19.

Following the bulletin released in May (SM-070 Plant Certification Extended Audit Deadline) which highlighted the upcoming June 1st, 2020 extension deadline and outlined additional safety measures for restarting the audit process, Concrete Ontario has continued to reach out to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) and the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) advocating for a second extension, to allow the concrete industry to catch up on the high number of audit deadlines and resume the certification process safely and responsibly.

Concrete Ontario, with the acknowledgement of the MTO and MEA, will be **extending the deadline for all upcoming full audits to July 2nd, 2020**. Full audits are defined as the audits requiring a third-party Engineer to visit the plant and conduct a full inspection. The MTO expects that plants supplying concrete to MTO projects have been audited, verified to meet quality standards and are certified by Concrete Ontario therefore, the extension only applies to plants that are currently in good standing and are confident that they continue to meet all of the requirements of the AQP program. Concrete Ontario staff have been working diligently to connect with all members with upcoming full audit expiry dates, to ensure that the audit process is clear, and that audits are being scheduled in a timely manner.

The extended dates are reflected on the website and the full list of plant statuses can be found at:

<https://www.rmcao.org/certification/rmcao-production-facilities/>

Please note that mid-term documentation must still be provided to Concrete Ontario based on the scheduled expiry dates. Staff will work with all members to help any way they can to minimize the impact on the daily business of our members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Oliver Xiao, Technical Services Representative, at oxiao@concreteontario.org.

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

Concrete Ontario Health & Safety Committee

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