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Notice to: Accredited Liquid Fuels Upgrade Training Providers, Petroleum Mechanic 1 (PM1), Petroleum Mechanic 2 (PM2), Petroleum Mechanic 3 (PM3), Petroleum Mechanic 4 (PM4), Petroleum Mechanic Helper (PMH), and Site Operators (SO) (under Ontario Regulation 216/01)

Be advised the Director of Fuels Safety in Ontario will permit Petroleum Mechanics whose certificates expire beginning March 16, 2020 to renew their certificates under Ontario Regulation 216/01 (Certification of Petroleum Equipment Mechanics) without having completed the continuous education requirements mandated by the Director's Requirement FS-230-17, so long as the certificate holders renew their certificates with TSSA prior to their date of expiry.

In addition, certificate holders who are permitted to renew their certificates under this exception will be required to complete their outstanding continuing education requirements, and submit proof of completion to the Director, within 120 days from the date that social distancing requirements and the State of Emergency is lifted by the Government of Ontario.

Please be advised that Petroleum Mechanics who wish to continue to work must still renew their certificates before their date of expiry. This is mandated by Ontario Regulation 216/01:

Subsection 5(1): An application to renew a certificate shall be made to the director and shall be accompanied by the fee set out by the designated administrative authority.

Subsection 5(4): If a mechanic fails to renew his or her certificate before it expires, the mechanics shall not work as a mechanic after the date of expiry of the certificate...

Background:

In response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority ("TSSA"), is taking precautionary measures to protect our employees, partners and customers. Recertification training and continuous education may require certificate holders to attend in-class training sessions, which may not comply with the social distancing guidelines; therefore, the requirements have been suspended for a period of time.

Yours truly,

John R Marshall BA, CIGC
Director, Ontario Regulation 216/01 (Certification of Petroleum Mechanics) made under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*