

DESIGNATED SUBSTANCE SURVEY

Applicable legislations:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

O. Reg. 490/09 – Designated Substances

The potential exposure of employees and building occupants to Designated Substances is a serious health and safety concern and may lead to fines and orders from the Ministry of Labour. The following substances are outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act as Designated Substances and as of July 2010 will be consolidated into one regulation, O. Reg. 490/09:

- Arsenic
- Asbestos
- Benzene
- Isocyanates
- Lead
- Mercury
- Silica
- Ethylene Oxide
- Acrylonitrile
- Coke Oven Emissions
- Vinyl Chloride

Note:

Asbestos is further regulated on its own under O. Reg. 278/05.

Employers are obligated to perform an assessment of Designated Substances in the workplace and implement a control program if the assessment finds that “a worker is likely to be exposed to a Designated Substance and that the health of a worker may be effected by that exposure”.

How Oakhill can help:

Oakhill has successfully completed Designated Substance Surveys for many clients. Typically, Oakhill will complete a Designated Substance Survey in conjunction with an asbestos survey and other hazardous substances such as mould and PCB's.

When Oakhill conducts a survey, it will include a room-by-room assessment of the building/facility for any of Designated Substances listed above. All survey results are included in a written report that highlights our recommendations and methodologies. Survey results can also be reported in a functional space form database along with AutoCAD layouts of sample locations, Designated Substance locations and areas of concern. Contact Oakhill for a free quote. Avoid the liability of ministry orders.