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What's New in this Update:

This release features updates to the legislation in the book. Additionally, Appendix WP. Words and Phrases has been updated.

Highlights

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES—CONNECT THE DOTS—... "connect the dots", i.e., give reasons or decide a matter on the basis of reasoning the decision maker did not give . . . *Halton (Regional Municipality) v. Canada (Environment)* (2024), 2024 FC 348, 2024 CarswellNat 561, 62 C.E.L.R. (4th) 307 (F.C.) at para. 129 Brown J.

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES— ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE DESIGNATED PROJECT— . . . "environmental effects of the designated project" are those likely to be caused by the Project itself. . .Halton (Regional Municipality) v. Canada (Environment) (2024), 2024 FC 348, 2024 CarswellNat 561, 62 C.E.L.R. (4th) 307 (F.C.) at para. 43 Brown J.

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES—ISOLATION SYSTEM—. . . in this case comprised of geotextiles anchored to the lakebed on one side and floating atop the water on the other. These geotextiles are intended to allow water to pass through, but not fine particulate, of the kind present in the lakebed at that location, and thus confine any sediments churned up by dredging. . .akisqnuk First Nation v. Assistant Water Manager (2025), 2025 CarswellBC 220, 2025 BCEAB 6 (B.C. Environmental App. Bd.) at para. 12 Le Houillier Chair.

APPENDIX WP. WORDS AND PHRASES— SIGNIFICANT DIRECT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS— Significant direct adverse environmental effects are adverse "environmental effects of the designated project" . . . including the environmental effects of malfunctions or accidents that may occur in connection with the Project. *Halton (Regional Municipality) v. Canada (Environment)* (2024), 2024 FC 348, 2024 CarswellNat 561, 62 C.E.L.R. (4th) 307 (F.C.) at para. 43 Brown J.