



Canadian Council of Independent Laboratories



WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL 2012

It is hard to believe that yet another year has passed. As we start the new year we would like to wish all of our members, contractors, staff and associates a happy and successful 2012.

We have been pleased with the progress CCIL has been making on many its many fronts of activity. Our certification programs continue to be highly acclaimed and are expanding all over the country. Currently, the numbers of certified labs are: 165 asphalt labs, 270 aggregate labs and 255 concrete labs. On December 15th, we sent out a news item recognizing all of the people involved in these successful programs. <http://www.ccil.com/BIG%20THANKS%20TO%20CCIL%20-%2012%2015%2011%20News%20Item.pdf>

In June of 2011, CCIL embarked on a key initiative identified in our new strategic plan. We have hired a public relations firm (PR Post – out of Toronto). It was decided that CCIL needed to enhance its profile, particularly at the senior government level. To accomplish this, we will re-develop our web site, increase the effectiveness of our communications and seek to meet with senior government leaders. The new web site will be launched in late January or early February of 2012 and further improvements will appear over the year. It will feature a new industry profile, a media section, published CCIL position papers, a video presentation about the importance of CCIL, a secure members section along with better reporting of events with on-line registration.

Another key component of our strategic plans will be to use our enhanced image to increase our effectiveness in dealing with ongoing advocacy issues. Some of the advocacy priorities include the issue of onerous fines faced by Ontario drinking water laboratories, performance/warranty-based construction projects, competition from tax-funded laboratories and the need to specify certification for major construction projects.

Another large advocacy initiative that was undertaken in 2011 and will continue in 2012, is proposal by CNSC to impose financial guarantees on firms using sealed portable nuclear density meters. We have been able to meet with the federal Minister (Joe Oliver) to voice our concerns, meet with senior CNSC staff and make a highly credible written presentation by the November 30th deadline. More will be done in 2012 as we need to insist that CNSC revisit this ill-conceived proposal.

There will be more meetings that members will be invited to. The annual Spring meetings will be held in Toronto on April 30th and the CCIL annual general meeting will be held in Vancouver on July 23rd. Please mark your calendars – details will be forthcoming.

We thank our members for their continued support of CCIL and we thank all those who make CCIL such a successful organization – the National Board, the division executives, our key staff – Nabil Kamel (program manager along with Gigi Kermath his office assistant), Francine Fortier-The-Berge (CCIL administrator) and Allan Maynard (executive director), and all of the certification personnel (named in the December 15th article).

Again – a happy and successful 2012.

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