



CWPCA Definitions

CEPA Toxic – The Canadian Environmental Protection Act defines a substance as "toxic" if it is entering or may enter the environment in a quantity or concentration or under conditions that:

- a. have or may have an immediate or long-term harmful effect on the environment or its biological diversity;
- b. constitute or may constitute a danger to the environment on which life depends; or
- c. constitute or may constitute a danger in Canada to human life or health.

CEPA toxic wood preservatives are Chromated Copper Arsenate, Creosote and Pentachlorophenol.

Company – Owner/operator responsible for the operation of one or several wood treatment plants.

CWPCA – The Canadian Wood Preservation Certification Authority ensures that treating plants maintain environmentally responsible practices in plant design and operation.

Facility – The physical location where wood preservation activities take place.

Full Scope Audit – Internal or external audit that determines the plant's conformance to all areas of the TRD or additional areas as determined by the Steering Committee.

External Audits – Third-party audits scheduled at intervals to assess a plant's conformance to the TRD requirements.

Inspection Firm – A nationally recognized Canadian company authorized by CWPCA to conduct plant audits as required by the certification Program.

Internal Self-Audits – In-house reviews of the design and operating practices in accordance with the TRD protocols. These audits occur in the interim between third-party audits.

Limited Scope Audit – Internal or external audit that determines the plant’s conformance to specific areas of a plant, or specific requirements of the TRD, as determined by the Steering Committee.

Plant – A singular treatment system within a facility.

TRD – *Technical Recommendations Document for the design and operation of wood preservation facilities* by Environment Canada. Guidelines developed jointly by Federal regulators and industry representatives for Canadian treating facilities.

WPC – Wood Preservation Canada is a national association representing the manufacturers of treated wood products across Canada and wood preservatives in Canada. They can be reached by email at info@woodpreservation.ca or by phone at (613) 737-4337.