

WHY STAY WITH WESA?



**ENVIRONMENTAL
PLANT CERTIFICATION**

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EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM

- Program's auditors since the start in 2006
- Conducted external audits and reviewed internal audits for all facilities in the Program
- Involved in all changes to the worksheets
- Involved in all revisions to the Program regulations

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EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM

- Developed and implemented auditor training program including webinar format – significant cost savings
- Selected by Environment Canada to review TRD changes

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EXPERIENCE OF THE AUDITORS

- Ian
 - 27 years as an environmental consultant
 - Hydrogeologist – environmental monitoring program; currently APGO President
 - Certified Environmental Auditor – 22 years exp
- José
 - Auditor for Quebec – fully bilingual
 - 24 years exp – hydrogeologist and CEA
 - Site assessment/monitoring at treating plants

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EXPERIENCE OF THE AUDITORS

- Scott
 - 25 years of wood experience
 - Treating facility manager
 - Remediation at treating facilities
- Jim
 - Tap into knowledge and continuity
 - Utilize experience on an as-needed basis

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EXPERIENCE OF THE AUDITORS

- Facilities know the auditor; know what to expect
- Provide advice without dictating what has to be done
- Provide continuity both with respect to time and geographically
- But have the benefit of a new auditor – new perspective
- Aware of potential for perceived conflict of interest; will continue to check with committee

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COST ASPECTS

- Fully aware that cost control is very important
- Facilities' costs to treat wood have increased
- WESA's fees have not gone up since the start
 - Except fees for 4 cylinder – 1% increase in 2011
- Per diem rates
 - 18% discount in 2006
 - 22% discount in 2011
 - 30 % discount in 2013

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COST ASPECTS

- Do not foresee need to increase fees
- Implement cost savings on travel
 - Original mandate – each year – not any one province, not any one preservative, not any one company
 - Mandate needs to be more flexible to save costs
 - Lengthen audit trips
 - Group audits geographically

COST ASPECTS

- Implement cost savings on travel
 - Live training during audit trips – already implemented
 - Consider increased costs for lower scores
 - Higher scores will help to minimize time on site
- Regional auditors may reduce costs marginally but still have costs for hotels, car rentals, meals and some flights – and lose the consistency/experience

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SUMMARY

- Experience with the program – nobody has more
- Experience of the auditors – nobody has more
- Introducing a new auditor
- Consistency with time and across the country
- No fee increases
- Travel costs minimized
- We want to do this

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