

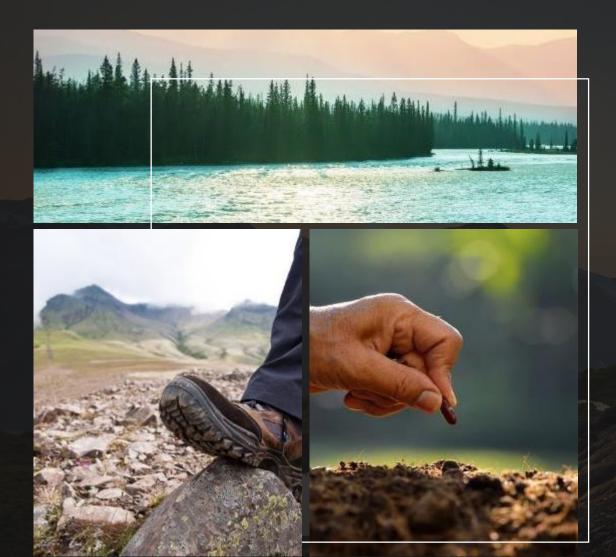
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

# HR Solutions to support corporate growth

Presentation at RemTech 2021



# **About ECO Canada**



**ECO Canada** is the steward for the Canadian environmental workforce across all industries.



Our vision is to build the world's leading environmental workforce.



Our services hit every touch point within the environmental workforce—from labour market intelligence to employment programs; from certification to skills development.



Our efforts promote and drive responsible, sustainable, economic growth to ensure that environmental care and best practice are a priority.

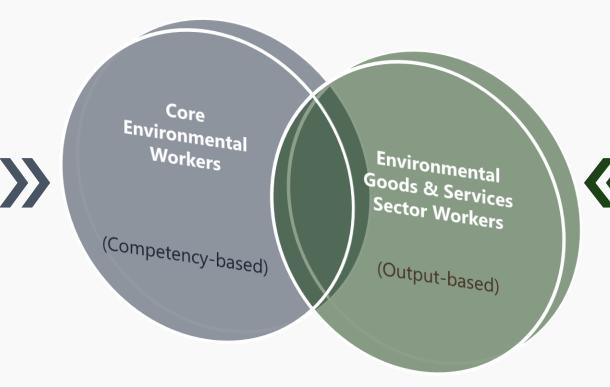
# ENVIRONMENTAL WORKERS DEFINED

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEFINED:

# **Two Classification Streams**

The environmental workforce is broad and includes workers across various industries and occupations that drive or support the goals of **environmental protection, resource management, and sustainability**. Our definition and research encompass two types of workers:

Any worker, regardless of industry, requiring environmental competencies as defined within ECO Canada's competency standards and sector framework.



Direct employees of firms classified under the environmental goods and service (EGS) sector, regardless of occupation and whether roles require environmental-specific competencies.

A Sustainability Manager working in a mining company and an Accountant employed in a cleantech company are included in this definitional framework. An Impact Assessment Lead in an environmental consulting firm is both a core environmental worker and an EGS sector worker.

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEFINED:

# **Environmental Sectors or Specializations**

Workers are also classified according to their environmental function, goal or specialization, as defined by ECO Canada's Sector Model. A worker or role could be mapped to more than one subsector.

- **A. Environmental Protection:** involves activities aimed at protecting the health of humans and the ecosystem through pollution prevention, waste minimization, remediation, rehabilitation, and reclamation in the areas of air, water and land. This sector also includes human health and safety, where these are dependent on the quality of the environment.
- **B. Resource Management:** involves activities aimed at integrating environmental and economic decisions with principles of stewardship in the use and management of natural resources. This sector deals with integrating biological and ecological aspects of the environment with the social and economic needs of society.
- **C. Environmental Sustainability**: involves activities aimed at promoting a healthy environment, for the benefit of society, now and into the future. These activities centre on developing, disseminating and applying knowledge in support of Sectors A & B.

# **Environmental Protection**

Air Quality
Water Quality
Site Assessment & Reclamation
Waste Management
Environmental Health & Safety

# Resource Management

Energy
Natural Resource Management
Fisheries & Wildlife

# **Environmental**Sustainability

Strategic Sustainability
Policy & Legislation
Research & Development
Education & Training
Communications &
Public Awareness

### **EMPLOYMENT**

# **Drivers & Trends**

The convergence of market, regulatory, social and technological factors will influence the number and type of environmental workers needed today and in the future.



**The main trends** employers expect will impact the number and type of environmental workers needed in the future:





### HIGHLIGHTS

# The Future of Green Jobs



689,900

env. employment in 2020

About **1 in 26 workers** in Canada (**689K workers**) was in a green job in 2020, up from 1 in 30 in 2019.

- Environmental workers were present in every Canadian region, industry and practically every occupation.
- Green talent is needed in a variety of environmental fields, such as Resource Management and Sustainability.

Job growth and retirements will account for **173K net environmental job openings by 2025**—equivalent to 25% of 2020 employment levels.

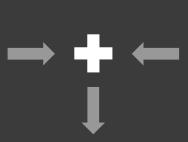
- About 43% of net job openings will stem from expansion demand, while 57% will be due to replacement demand.
- About 37% of the hiring needs (108K jobs) will be for core environmental workers.

**Shortages** are expected for many core occupations, including Construction managers, millwrights and industrial mechanics.



74,400

new jobs created (i.e., Expansion Demand)





98,300

additional job openings due to retirements (i.e. Replacement Demand)



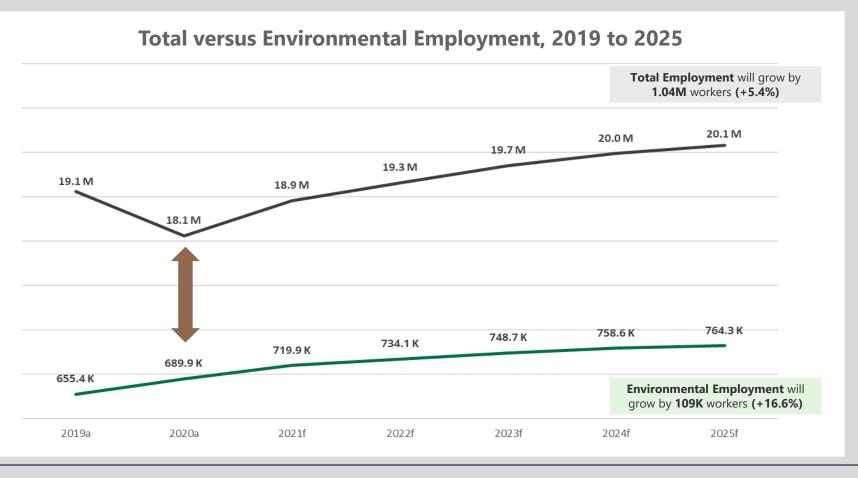
172,700

net job openings to 2025 (i.e., Net Hiring Requirements)

### EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

# A Greener Economic Recovery for Canada

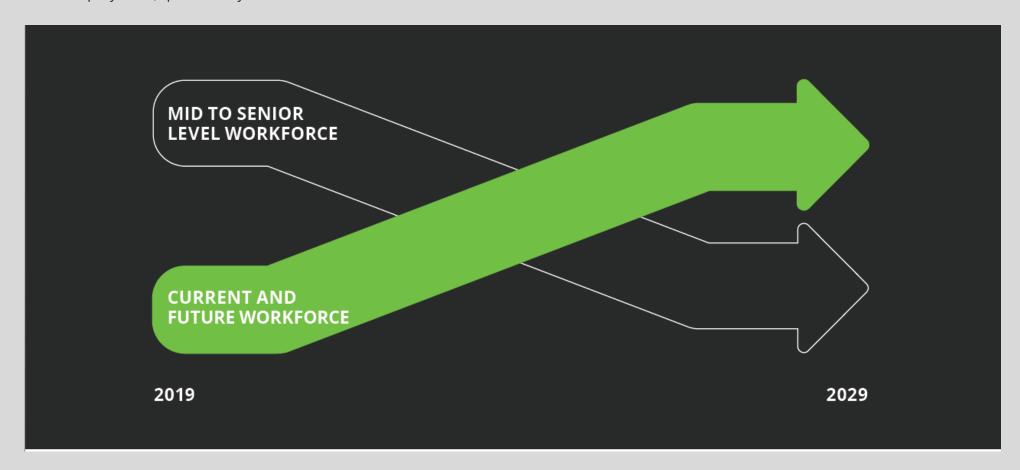
While Canada's employed labour force shrunk in 2020, the environmental sector added **35K** net new jobs (5% growth). An additional **74K** net environmental job openings will be created between 2020 and 2025—resulting in an **11% growth** from 2020 employment levels.



### PROJECTED RETIREMENTS FOR

# **Next 10 Years**

The larger opportunity for environmental workers will come from the gradual retirement of an estimated **183,400 workers** (30% of 2019 employment), particularly those in mid to senior level roles.



### TALENT GAPS

# **Critical Shortages Expected**

The following occupations are projected to experience a shortage of environmental workers across Canada due to (1) wider supply/demand gaps, (2) post-secondary education pre-requisites, and (3) environmental-specific competency requirements:



Legislators and senior management



Engineering inspectors and regulatory officers & Inspectors in public and environmental health and occupational health and safety; Non-destructive testers and inspection technicians



Utilities equipment operators and controllers (incl. Water and wastewater treatment plant operators)



Physical and life sciences professionals



Construction managers; Construction millwrights and industrial mechanics



Electrical and electronics engineers; Aerospace engineers & Other professional engineers, n.e.c.



Architects; Landscape architects; Urban and land use planners & Land surveyors



Forestry technologists and technicians & Conservation and fishery officers; Agricultural and fish products inspectors



Managers in manufacturing and utilities



Contractors and supervisors, mining, oil and gas



### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

# **Green Job Opportunities in Every Region**



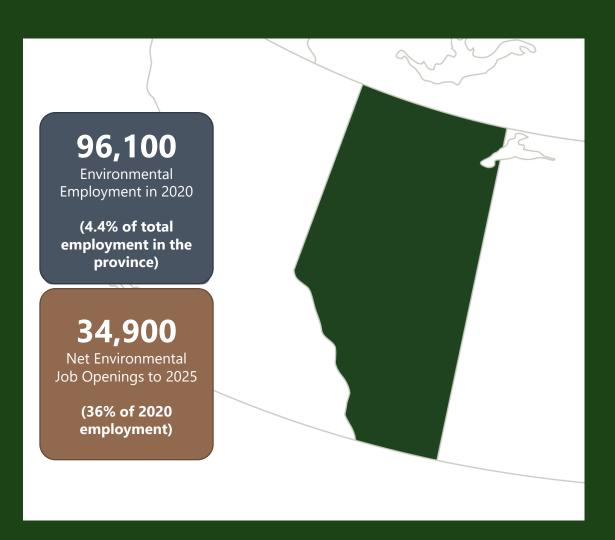
Every province and territory in Canada will be looking for environmental workers over the next five years.

Opportunities will result from jobs in growth sectors, as well as openings created by retiring workers.



### ALBERTA HIGHLIGHTS

# The Future of Green Jobs



- Alberta's employed labour force shrunk by **8% (or 178,600 jobs)** in 2020, driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, global recession, and oil price collapse.
- The province's environmental workforce was also negatively impacted by this unprecedented economic crisis, with about **3,800 net environmental job losses (or 4% decline)** in 2020 across various industries.
  - Although green jobs were also lost, the proportion of environmental to total employment grew from 4.3% in 2019 to **4.4% in 2020**.
- Alberta's economy is rebounding. All in all, the province could add 353,500 new jobs in the next five years—reflecting a 16% growth. Nearly **6% or 34,900** of the total new jobs will be for an environmental role.
- · Net hiring for green workers will be due to,
  - > 20,600 new jobs created (21% growth from 2020 employment levels)
  - > 14,300 retiring workers

Nearly **7k** new environmental jobs were advertised online in Alberta in Q2 2021—the highest quarterly count ever recorded for the province.

### ALBERTA HIGHLIGHTS

# **Core Environmental Workers**

Core environmental workers are a key to advancing responsible and sustainable economic growth. These workers have invested and prepared for the roles they are in by honing environmental-specific knowledge and skills, including the ability to integrate multiple disciplines and work across industries. Approximately 42% of net environmental hiring requirements by 2025 (or 40,000 jobs) in Alberta will be for core workers.

### **Top Occupations with Core Environmental Workers**

...by EnviroShare

All occupations (4.4%)

Meteorologists and climatologists (64.2%)

Water and waste treatment plant operators (58.7%)

Forestry professionals (58.3%)

### ...by Environmental Employment in 2020

All occupations (96,100 workers)

Civil engineers (4,260)

Petroleum engineers (3,410)

Inspectors in public and environmental health and occupational health and safety (3,120)

### ...by Net Environmental Job Openings by 2025

All occupations (34,900 jobs)

Civil engineers (2,590)

Inspectors in public and environmental health and occupational health and safety (1,460)

Geoscientists and oceanographers (1,450)

### IMPACTING BOTH SIDES

# **What This Means**



## **Employers**

- Succession planning
- Investing in skill development and new talent
- Retention strategies/benchmark
- Adapting business models and products
- Utilize HR funding

### **Practitioners**

- Lifelong learning is key
- Opportunities to advance , honing power skills
- Work spans across industries
- Environmental practice is in the public view – they need to trust in competencies



# Alberta (2020 Guide)

Alberta has the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest environmental workforce in Canada.

In 2019, the median annual salary within Alberta-based organizations was 11% higher than the national compensation for environmental workers.

Category	Annual Salary (percentiles)		
	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>
Canada	45,000	60,000	80,000
Alberta	50,000	66,560	94,000
<b>Top Occupations</b>			
<b>Business and Operations Occupations</b>		80,000	
Engineering Technologists and Technicians		79,000	
Environmental Generalist		75,000	
Top Industries			
Utilities		90,000	
Manufacturing		83,000	
Educational Services		70,000	
Top Environmental Focus Areas			
Water Quality Protection		75,000	
Air Quality Protection		73,500	
Natural Resource Management		70,000	
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# Alberta (cont.)

Category	Ann	Annual Salary (percentiles)		
	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>	
By Type of Organization				
Private Sector		69,750		
Public Sector		65,000		
Not-for-Profit and Charity		52,500		
By Size of Organization				
1-9 Employees		55,000		
10-49 Employees		60,000		
50-199 Employees		71,500		
200+ Employees		75,000		
By Job Level				
Junior		50,000		
Intermediate		69,250		
Senior		94,000		

# Site Assessment, Remediation and Reclamation (2020 Guide)

In Canada, workers perform site assessment, remediation, restoration, and reclamation services for a variety of different development projects. Traditionally, most work involved Phase 1 or Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) to determine whether environmental contamination exists at a site and the extent of contamination. After the assessment, workers may complete remediation services on the site to clean or remove the contamination, followed by restoration services to return the site to its original condition and reclamation services to return the land to a natural or agricultural landscape.

A multidisciplinary labour force of engineers, scientists, foresters and technical specialists work in design, management, compliance, communications, environmental health and safety and land use.

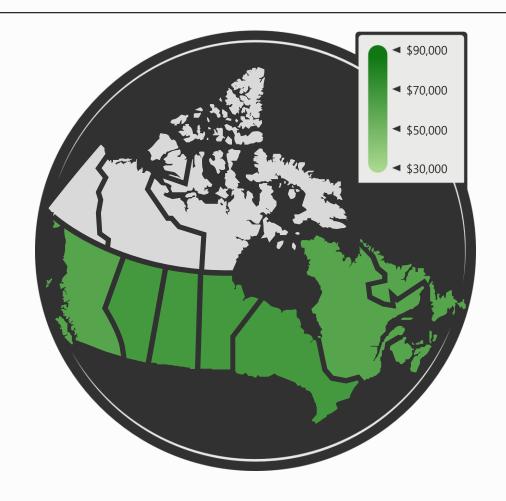
Category	Annual Salary (percentiles)			
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All Environmental Focus Areas	45,000	60,000	80,000	
Site Assessment, Remediation and Reclamation	50,000	65,000	80,000	
By Job Level				
Junior		50,000		
Intermediate		63,206		
Senior		80,000		
By Type of Organization				
Private Sector		65,000		
Public Sector		68,702		
Not-for-Profit and Charity		48,000		
By Size of Organization				
1-9 Employees		55,000		
10-49 Employees		60,000		
50-199 Employees		64,000		
200+ Employees		70,000		

### **Employment Trends**

In 2019, the median annual salary for Site Assessment, Remediation and Reclamation was **8% higher** than the national compensation for environmental workers.

# Site Assessment, Remediation and Reclamation (cont.)

Category	Annual Salary (percentiles)				
	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>		
By Region					
British Columbia		61,000			
Alberta		66,780			
Saskatchewan and Manitoba		68,359			
Ontario		65,000			
Quebec		60,000			
Atlantic Canada		60,000			
Canadian Territories					
Top Occupations	Top Occupations				
Parks, Enforcement and Wildlife Conservation Occupations		75,750			
Engineers		75,000			
Environmental Generalists		70,000			
Top Industries					
Finance and Insurance, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing		77,500			
Mining and Oil & Gas Extraction		73,000			
Public Administration		69,284			



### **Hiring Challenges**

Employers are challenged with finding the right candidates for **54%** of environmental positions in the area of Site Assessment, Remediation and Reclamation.

### OTHER INSIGHTS

# **Skills in Demand**

Technical competencies may be needed to gain employment, but soft skills are essential in keeping a job and growing in a career.

0 **Knowledge and Technical Skills** 



Industry Knowledge



Public Awareness



Policy and Legislation



**Education & Training** 



Research and Development



Project Management



Leadership



Soft Skills

Communication



Negotiation & **Conflict Resolution** 



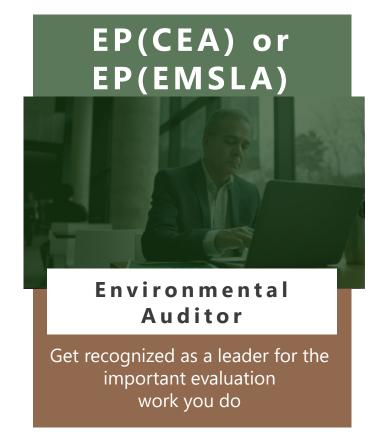
**Problem Solving** 



### **Environmental Practice validation based on over 300 core competencies**

# **EPt** In-training **Professional** The next generation of leaders in the environmental sector









- Reimbursement of salary cost
- Reimbursement of training cost
- Job must directly or indirectly support the environment

- Funded to ECO Canada from Government of Canada with a purpose of creating jobs and building careers.
- Short term economic recovery
- Long term meet the sector growth and retirement replacements





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