

Down and Dirty About Excess Soil

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In the midst of a booming construction industry comes new legal requirements to manage excess soil. Ontario's excess soil laws are here and present new risks and legal requirements. Quebec regulates contaminated excess soil and has recently published new regulations about electronic tracking of soil. British Columbia is implementing changes to its soil relocation laws.

As these new and emerging excess soil regimes come into legal force, projects that generate excess soil will impose obligations on construction and waste management industries, consultants, contractors, municipalities, land owners, and developers. These various parties now face or will soon face new legal risks and requirements.

Hear from both the legal and consulting perspectives as Matthew Gardner, an environmental lawyer, and Trevor Janzen, an environmental consultant, discuss new excess soil laws in Canada and present an engaging hypothetical excess soil case study.

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