

Recognizing New Codes in the Gas Discipline SCO Certification Program

Summary

BNQ 1784 Canadian Hydrogen Installation Code and CSA B149.6 Code for biogas generation and utilization are now in force in Alberta and must be recognized in the safety codes officer certification program so they can be enforced. To meet immediate needs, the Council has established a process to certify existing gas safety codes officers to enforce these codes. This expedited process is available to all authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) with upcoming projects under these codes.

Background

BNQ 1784 Canadian Hydrogen Installation Code and CSA B149.6 Code for biogas generation and utilization were adopted in the Province of Alberta and came into force on March 26, 2025.

The Council is committed to meeting Alberta's immediate needs to permit and inspect installations under these codes while developing a balanced, proportional approach to their permanent incorporation into the certification scheme.

As the associated industries are evolving, the Council is monitoring the prevalence of such installations and consulting with subject matter experts to determine the best long-term solution for certifying safety codes officers to enforce these codes.

Required Action

Authorities having jurisdiction in which there are upcoming projects involving one of these codes must contact the Council by emailing certification@safetycodes.ab.ca to arrange for certification of a suitable safety codes officer. The Council will ensure this process is expedited to avoid project delays.

Resources and Support

Alberta Municipal Affairs technical staff are available to provide technical support regarding the application of these codes. Please contact safety.services@gov.ab.ca for assistance.

Contact

Questions regarding this Information Bulletin can be directed to the Administrator of Certification at certification@safetycodes.ab.ca or 780-413-0099.