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APEGA and ASET Sign Joint Submission

Edmonton – The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) and the Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta (ASET) have signed and submitted a joint letter to the Government of Alberta (GoA) recommending changes to the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions (EGP) Act* and related regulations.

“Continued partnership and joint regulation with ASET is paramount to the safety of Albertans. I believe this joint submission will improve and modernize the legislation,” said Jay Nagendran, P.Eng., Registrar & CEO of APEGA.

The *EGP Act* is the joint legislation for APEGA and ASET. The act has not been significantly updated for nearly 40 years. In that time, the practice of the professions has changed, as has business, industry, and society in general.

More than 160 recommended changes were jointly submitted to the GoA. To better serve the public interest, the following key regulatory recommendations were included in the submission:

- Increase the maximum discipline-related fine to \$100,000 for members and \$500,000 for permit holders from the current \$10,000.
- Allow the use of creative sanctions when these would be more appropriate than punitive measures.
- Be able to start an investigation without requiring a written complaint if it appears the public is at risk.

On the membership side, the submission included the recommendation to create a *certified geoscience technologist* designation—C.G.T.—similar to the existing *certified engineering technologist* (C.E.T.) designation. Currently, registered technologists practising geoscience must use the C.E.T. designation, which does not reflect their area of work.

Although some joint legislative matters still need to be resolved, APEGA will continue to work closely with ASET and the Government of Alberta in the hopes of having the legislation proclaimed in 2020 to coincide with APEGA’s centennial.

Established in 1920, APEGA regulates the practices of engineering and geoscience to serve the public interest in Alberta.

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