

# Authority of Practice Reviewers Conducting Practice Reviews

*Improved Public Interest*

*Improved Regulatory Effectiveness and Efficiency*



To improve regulatory effectiveness and protect the public interest, practice reviewers must have the appropriate authority to conduct practice reviews to assess the health of professional practice against established standards.



- Proposed changes to the existing Practice Review Board are described in a set of briefing notes related to the Practice Review Committee, which were presented in the winter 2016 legislative review consultations.
- The briefing note specific to the Authority of Practice Reviewers to Make Recommendations proposed that practice reviewers would have the same authority in conducting practice reviews as investigators have in conducting investigations and practice reviewers will conduct practice reviews as prescribed in the regulations.”





- The current EGP Act and General Regulation are silent on the authority of APEGA practice reviewers to conduct practice reviews for Professional Engineers and Geoscientists.

# Why is this Important?



- Practice reviewers must have the appropriate authority to effectively and efficiently exercise their mandate.
- This requires having the ability to obtain relevant information from appropriate sources.

# Proposed Legislative Change



It is recommended that the legislation be amended to explicitly give APEGA practice reviewers the authority to conduct practice reviews similar to the authority contained in the *ASET Regulation*, the *Professional Technologists Regulation*, or the *Chartered Professional Accountants Act, Alberta*.



- Section 24 of the *ASET Regulation and Section 16 of the Professional Technologist Regulation.*
- Section 61 of the *Chartered Professional Accountants Act.*

*Please refer to the briefing note for more details.*