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CREC Update on Upland Excavating Ltd.'s Application for Landfill:

The Province of BC has passed a Contaminated Soil Landfill Deferral Order of Council (OIC). The OIC is for one year beginning July 17, 2019.

The order reads:

A director must not, during the deferral period, issue or amend a permit, approval or operational certificate under section 14, 15, 16 or 28 of the Act so as to

(a) authorize the introduction of contaminated soil into a landfill, or

(b) increase the volume of contaminated soil that is authorized to be introduced into a landfill.

[http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/oic/oic\\_cur/0434\\_2019/search/CIVIX\\_DOCUMENT\\_ROOT\\_STEM:\(landfill\)%20AND%20CIVIX\\_DOCUMENT\\_ANCESTORS:839519796?1#hit1](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/oic/oic_cur/0434_2019/search/CIVIX_DOCUMENT_ROOT_STEM:(landfill)%20AND%20CIVIX_DOCUMENT_ANCESTORS:839519796?1#hit1)

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy staff have confirmed that any decision on the Operational Certificate (OC) application from Upland that is currently before the Director cannot result in approval to introduce new contaminated soil that exceeds industrial land use standards, for at least one year while the review is conducted. The Ministry has advised CREC that it continues to engage with the proponent to discuss modifications to the original proposal in light of the Order in Council.

In addition, CREC's hydrologist, Dr. Wendling, has submitted a document to the MOE requesting sampling for a shallow aquifer below Upland's site. At:

<https://crecwebcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/2019june21-uplands-mws.pdf>

The City of Campbell River have supported this request with a City letter to the MOE.

Thank you for your support. We will keep you updated as we have more information.