

News Release

Annual Conference of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists to be held in St. John's on June 13th

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Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador (PEGNL) will hold their annual Conference and AGM on Friday, June 13 at the Fairmont Hotel. The Conference theme is *Managing Risk in the Professions*.

“There is risk inherent in most human activities,” says Dick Myers, P.Eng., PEGNL’s President. “The question is how to mitigate or manage the risk? This is an important area in the practice of the professions of engineering and geoscience and our speakers will address many types of risk and how they are best handled.”

The Luncheon Keynote Speaker is Darrel Danyuk, P.Eng. who will speak on the World Federation of Engineering Organizations [WFEO] & Canada’s Role as Chair of the Standing Committee on Engineering and the Environment.

Other speakers will address

- How risk can affect professionals, how it is managed in organizations and how different types of risks affect engineers and geoscientists;
- A recent research project into the effects of aging water mains on water quality in distribution networks and the prioritization of a pipes renewal decision-making process;
- Petro-Canada’s Integrity Management Program;
- Various approaches to conducting environmental risk assessments, with an emphasis on common shortcomings;
- How managing risk can save time and money and how to use a Risk Management Program to one’s advantage.

PEGNL Executive Director Steve McLean, P.Eng. will also make a presentation regarding proposed changes by the provincial government to the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.

The Conference Program can be seen online at www.pegnl.ca. The Conference is open to the public who may register by calling 753-7714.

PEGNL acknowledges the support of the conference sponsors, particularly the lead sponsor TD Insurance Meloche-Monnex.

PEGNL is a self-regulating professional organization that exists so that there is competent and ethical practice of engineering and geoscience in Newfoundland and Labrador, and ensures

public confidence in the professions. PEGNL receives its authority from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador through the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.

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