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## **BC Forest Safety Council Announces Appointment of New CEO**

The BC Forest Safety Council's board of directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Reynold Hert as the new CEO of the forest sector's health and safety association. Hert, who joins the Council March 16, brings a passion for safety, along with an extensive background in forestry.

Reynold's strong commitment to workplace safety is well-known and respected throughout the forest industry," says Bev Briscoe, chair of the Council. "We look forward to working with him in the coming years to make BC's forest industry a safer place."

For the full release [please click here](#).

## **Congratulations to the CILA "FastFax" for issue number 500!**

Congratulations to Roy Nagel and the CILA for reaching the 500 issue milestone last week for its weekly FastFax publication. Roy, and for the past couple of years Rick Publicover, have consistently put out a helpful, fact filled, and some times thought- provoking one page newsletter that has helped initiate discussion, influence policy and kept us current on the latest happenings. Well done!

## **Break up around the corner**

A quick check on [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) this morning shows a number of areas on the coast and in the southern half of the province where road bans have been put in place. And notice of imminent bans has been put up for most of the Cariboo and north. With warmer weather expected to hold in the central interior expected to hold for the next couple of weeks, be ready. For up to date road restrictions go to:

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/roadreports/RRMonitor.aspx>

## **Low blend bio diesel to be mandatory in 2010**

BC's Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act will have a five per cent minimum annual average renewable content in gasoline and diesel, beginning in 2010. This means you can expect to be buying diesel next winter that has some level of bio diesel content. According to Paul Landry, CEO of the BC Trucking Association, in areas where winter climates don't allow for 5% bio content, it will probably be 2%, which has been successfully tested for winter use in Alberta. That means that other areas of the province will likely have a higher proportion, in order to maintain the provincial average of 5%.

FP Innovations (formerly FERIC) has been doing a lot of testing over the past couple of years about bio-fuels and forest industry application. Information on their results is available at [www.fpinnovations.ca/](http://www.fpinnovations.ca/)

Alberta's provincial energy strategy was released in December. It will require 5% ethanol content in gas and 2% bio in diesel by 2010. The Alberta Renewable Diesel Demonstration released a study in February which successfully demonstrated the on-road use of low level renewable diesel blends in a range of Canadian climatic conditions. The on-road demonstration, which ran from December 2007 to September 2008, put first- and second- generation renewable diesel fuels on the road in 59 long-haul commercial vehicles across Alberta.

A web based poll by Today's Trucking magazine recently asked truckers the question, "Would you consider filling your tank with a low biodiesel blend?" and 55% of the respondents said absolutely. 31% said that more research was needed with modern engines. Only 14% said No outright.

### **Kenworth adding anti-siphoning device to new trucks**

Despite the reduction in diesel prices over the last few months, diesel theft continues to be an issue for truckers across North America, according to a number of different reports.

In response, Kenworth is putting anti-siphoning devices on their new trucks. Kenworth is now offering a tamper-resistant, durable, metal anti-siphoning device as standard on all Kenworth Class 8 vehicles specified with round diesel fuel tanks.

The anti-siphon device, which is located on the tank filler neck, features a robust tamper-resistant heavy metal barrier that is a quarter-inch thick. The design, however, does not slow down the refueling process.

### **Satellite Radio introduces the Road Dog Trucking Radio channel**

XM and Sirius satellite radio networks have merged as of February 17, and they're introducing "Road Dog Trucking Radio" on Sirius 147 and XM 171. According to their press release, Road Dog Trucking Radio will provide a 24/7 news, information, and entertainment destination for the professional truck driver. If you have a satellite radio, check it out!

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 7 CILA and TruckSafe meeting in Quesnel – Sandman, 8am
- February 11 Safety Symposium 2009, Powell River – Evergreen Theatre 8:30 am
- April 1 – 3 COFI Conference, Prince George
- April 16-18 ILA Convention and Trade Show, Vernon

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