

## Amendments to The Environmental Management and Protection Act (EMPA), 2002 regarding Easements



Effective April 26, 2007, The Environmental Management and Protection Act (EMPA), 2002 was amended in order to improve and streamline the approval process for water and wastewater works in the province.

The affected sections of EMPA (S. 24 to 28) that were changed dealt with the registration of notices to construct and operate waterworks and sewage works as well as easements. Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (Environment) was advised by municipalities and other stakeholders of the need to reduce the requirements for government to oversee multiple registrations of interests on properties, thereby reducing costs and unnecessary bureaucracy in the land titles registration process.

Under the revised Act, easements are required for sewage works that could adversely affect any land other than that on which those works are to be constructed or are situated, for example treated lagoon effluent discharges via ditches, overland flow, etc. In these cases the project proponent is now required to register the easement against the title to the affected land with the Information Services Corporation (ISC) of Saskatchewan, and advise Environment of this registration.

For more information on the requirements for easements associated with sewage works, please contact the Drinking Water Quality Section of Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment at (306) 787-6504.

