



APGO Hosted MOECC's Information Session on the ABCs of Conceptual Site Models

On September 22, 2017, APGO hosted the MOECC's information session on the ABCs of Conceptual Site Models at Twenty Toronto Street. It was a full room consisted of P.Geo.'s and C of A holders' staff. The event was part of APGO's initiative to provide a forum for the MOECC and APGO members to come together to bring clarification on expectations around RSC and RA submissions. It was also a forum to bring to light the challenges that QPs have around submissions, which in turn also informed the Ministry where to focus their efforts in developing guidance to support QPs. To quote APGO CEO, Louis Kan, "The event was an opportunity for our members to directly engage in dialogue with the Ministry in addressing expectation gaps on RSC and RA reporting."

There were tough questions raised and more questions will be asked. APGO hopes to be one of the channels of communication through which the MOECC and APGO members can exchange information and have a constructive dialogue through its learning events.

During the course of putting this event together, a number of members inquired about the availability of a webinar option for the MOECC's presentation. APGO is currently working with the Ministry staff to develop a series of webinar sessions to create greater access to timely information for APGO members across Ontario.

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APGO would like to acknowledge Rosemary Ash, P.Geo. who presented on behalf of the MOECC's Financial Assurance and Brownfields Services at Environmental Approvals and Service Integration Branch. We also thank Mahmood Hassan, P.Geo. who helped facilitate the coordination of this event. To all members and C of A staff who came to the event, thank you for your participation.



At the end of the presentation, Louis Kan asked the speaker of the key message the Ministry wanted people in the room to remember. To this, the Ministry's advice is, "Keep learning and developing your skills by reflecting on your past submissions and discussing your challenges with the ministry and with your fellow QPs." **APGO**