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APGO Holds First Northern Ontario Council Meeting, Public Reception

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) is pleased to announce that the first Northern Ontario meeting of Council will be held in Sudbury on September 27, 2002. In celebration of the successful implementation of the *Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000* (“the Act”), the Association will hold a public reception at Science North tonight at 7:30pm.

The President of the Association, Dr. Bill Pearson, P. Geo., said, “APGO has now completed and received final approval for all regulations and by-laws necessary to fully implement the Act. As of August 30, 2002, individuals practicing professional geoscience in Ontario must now be registered with the APGO unless specifically exempted. Individuals who are practicing professional geoscience without being registered will be subject to enforcement under the Act.”

Professional Geoscientists (P.Geo.) work in a wide variety of important sectors including mining, petroleum, water supply, waste management, and contaminated site reclamation. This new legislation protects the public by establishing a regulated association of geoscientists with the power to admit only qualified persons, to encourage continuing professional competence, to discipline members for professional misconduct and to prevent unqualified individuals from practicing.

Further Information on APGO is available on our website at www.apgo.net

Mission:

“To serve the public by regulating, enhancing and providing leadership in the practice of the profession of geoscience in Ontario”

Vision:

“To be the leader of the geoscience profession for the benefit of society.”

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