

Audit Report Indicates Registration Practices of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario Meet the High Standards Set by the Fair Access to the Regulated Professions Act and Ontario's Fairness Commissioner

(June, 2009) – An audit of the registration practices of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) confirms the association's policies and procedures to be fair, transparent, objective and impartial. The independent audit was required by the Office of the Fairness Commissioner of Ontario to assess compliance with the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act* of all regulated professions in the province. The audit of APGO was conducted by SF Partnership and covered the period from July 16, 2007 to July 15, 2008.

APGO's registration practices were evaluated for overall compliance with the Act against several criteria identified by the Office of the Fairness Commissioner, including:

- information to applicants;
- timely decisions and responses;
- internal review or appeal;
- information on appeal rights;
- documentation of qualifications;
- assessment of qualifications;
- training; and
- access to records

The report is available on APGO's website at: <http://www.apgo.net/ofc.html>.

APGO administers the *Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000* by registering Ontario's professional, temporary, and limited geoscientists to practise professional geoscience, and authorizing businesses to provide geoscience services to the public. The Association sets standards for and regulates geoscience in Ontario so that the public interest is served and protected. Appropriately educated and experienced, and committed to a Code of Ethics that puts the public first, registered professional geoscientists can be identified by the **P.Geo.** designation after their names.