



**Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario  
Environmental Geoscience Committee  
Terms of Reference**

**Mandate**

- The Environmental Geoscience Subcommittee is a sub-committee of the Professional Practice Committee, a Standing Committee of Council. The mandate of the Environmental Geoscience Committee is to support the Professional Practice Committee in fulfilling its mandate, with respect to the practice of Environmental Geoscience, including
  - Developing standards and guidelines for the practice of professional environmental geoscience
  - Undertaking other professional practice matters as may arise from time to time

**Functions and Responsibilities**

- Review existing and proposed standards and guidelines that may affect professional environmental geoscience practice in Ontario, and recommend their updating, revision or acceptance to Council
- Determine whether new standards and guidelines are required to ensure professional environmental geoscience practice is protective of human health and the environment, and, as appropriate, recommend their development to Council
- Establish a roster of Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) senior practitioners and Qualified Persons to provide professional practice advice to Council, APGO committees and members, when requested

**Outcomes and Deliverables**

- Recommendation and provision of environmental geoscience professional practice standards, ethics and guidelines to be followed by APGO members
- Liaison with regulators, other professional self-regulating organizations, technical organizations, etc., as requested by the Professional Practice Committee, respecting issues affecting professional environmental geoscience practice
- Presentation to the Professional Practice Committee of updates and key issues as requested
- Provision of an Annual Report to the Professional Practice Committee by February 28 following the December 31 year end

**Operational Considerations**

- Meet quarterly or more frequently, as required
- Deliberations of the subcommittee are considered confidential to committee members

- Provide minutes of meetings to the Registrar/Executive Committee on behalf of Council within 30 days after approval of minutes by the subcommittee
- Outline resource requirements, respecting financial and technical/member support annually

### **Status and Authority**

- The Environmental Geoscience subcommittee reports to the Professional Practice Committee, which reports to Council through its Chair
- Decisions and recommendations of the subcommittee will be by consensus
- The subcommittee has the authority to establish working groups to address professional environmental geosciences practice issues
- The subcommittee's term is open-ended

### **Composition/Organization**

- The Environmental Geoscience subcommittee has no mandated composition requirements
- The Chair is to be nominated by the Committee and approved by Council
- The Vice-Chair is to be selected by Committee members
- Temporary committee members may be selected from amongst member volunteers or other Qualified Persons by the Chair to address specific professional practice issues
- Committee member terms will commence at the beginning of the calendar year of the year of appointment
- Committee member terms are open ended
- Observers and invited experts may attend committee meetings by request and/or invitation of the Chair

### **Review**

- The Terms of Reference of the Environmental Geoscience Subcommittee will be reviewed at least once every three years

### **References**

Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000  
APGO By-Law No. 1  
APGO By-Law No. 7  
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