

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

MINUTE NO. 25
8:00 a.m. – Māṁawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Danielle Chartier in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw*, Larry Doke, Glen Hart, Paul Merriman, Warren Michelson and Trent Wotherspoon.

Substituting Members

Fred Bradshaw for Randy Weekes

Provincial Auditor's Office

Judy Ferguson, Acting Provincial Auditor

Kelly Deis, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Kim Lowe, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

2. The following documents were tabled:

PAC 40/27 – Ministry of Finance: Reporting of public losses for the period from July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014, dated October 31, 2014.

PAC 41/27 – Ministry of Health: Reporting of public losses for the period from July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014, dated October 31, 2014.

3. The committee considered Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Deis of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapters.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Government Relations

Bill Hawkins, Executive Director, Building Standards and Licensing

Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan

Bill Scott, Chief Executive Officer

Chris Selinger, Chief Inspector

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-1 made at page 128 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan identify and formally assess the risks surrounding the inspection of boilers and pressure vessels. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
5. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-2 made at page 128 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan use

a documented risk-informed strategy for inspection selection. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

6. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-3 made at page 128 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan establish a policy requiring periodic formal re-evaluation of its risk-informed strategy for inspection selection. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-4 made at page 129 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan establish written policies and procedures for handling incidents and complaints. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
8. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-5 made at page 130 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan establish a written policy for follow up of inspection deficiencies. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
9. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-6 made at page 130 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan formalize the process to clear its backlog of outstanding inspections for boilers and pressure vessels within a reasonable amount of time. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
10. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-7 made at page 131 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan establish processes to ensure the accuracy and completeness of its electronic inspection records. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
11. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-8 made at page 132 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan give its Board and the Ministry responsible for Safety Standards Agreement written analysis of:
 - Trends for regulated sectors
 - Measures implemented to monitor trends and mitigate risksThe committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
12. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-9 made at page 133 of Chapter 14 (Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan – Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Processes) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan establish processes to track and monitor completion of inspections by Quality Management System

operators, to confirm inspections have been completed in accordance with their approved manuals. The committee noted that the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

13. It was moved by Mr. Merriman:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee adjourned at 8:47 a.m. until Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Danielle Chartier
Committee Chair