

Changes to **Legal Agreement**

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What you should know

- Canada's commitment to manage historic low-level radioactive waste in Port Hope has been extended up to 100 years after the Port Hope Area Initiative ends.

What this change means for property owners

- Property owners now have more flexibility to make decisions that best suit their property and circumstances.
- Even after the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) is complete, there will continue to be a safe, regulated option for managing eligible historic waste if it is encountered in the future.
- The PHAI continues to be the only program that will fully fund the remediation and restoration of an entire property.

Costs and Responsibilities Over Time

Canada continues to play a central role in managing eligible low-level radioactive waste, but responsibilities for property owners change over time.

During the PHAI



Canada covers all costs associated with:



Remediation



Transportation



Waste Management



Restoration

Day 1 after PHAI – 20 Years

Canada will continue to cover:



Transportation



Waste Management

Property Owners are responsible for:



Excavation



Restoration

The Port Hope Long-Term Waste Management Facility will accept the full suite of materials, including arsenic.

20 YEARS

21 – 100 Years



Canada continues to provide long-term storage of eligible* radioactive waste.



Waste Management

Property Owners are responsible for:



Excavation



Transportation



Restoration

*The facility will only accept radiological material while non-radiological material can be managed through provincial systems.

Sample Scenario



A property owner with known historic waste beneath a structure like a shed, may choose to leave the shed undisturbed today. If the shed needs to be removed years later, the waste can still be safely managed through the future pathway. The cost for transportation is covered in years 1-20 but not years 21-100. The cost of remediation, excavation and restoration remains with the property owner.

Construction Monitoring Program and future pathway

A free **Construction Monitoring Program** will remain available after the PHAI is complete.

If a property owner undertakes excavation or renovation work, CNL can monitor the disturbed area for historic waste.

If eligible waste is encountered, it can be safely managed through the licensed facility in accordance with the agreement.



Outcomes for the Community

- This updated Legal Agreement strengthens long-term environmental protection while supporting community stability and growth.
- It provides property owners with greater certainty, flexibility, and choice, while maintaining strong safety and regulatory protections.
- It helps the Port Hope Area Initiative wrap up on schedule, with private property cleanup set for completion in 2031/2032.

