

Report 3, Follow-up Audit on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods, of the 2020 Fall Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (43rd Parliament, 2nd Session)

Recommendation 1: Transport Canada should provide the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts with progress reports with regard to improving and updating its tools and database to have more complete and accurate information on regulated companies and their compliance status and to better inform risk-based planning. A final report should also be provided.

Report:

The regulatory proposal - Regulations Amending the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* (Registration Database) - Part 17 will have the effect of strengthening Transport Canada's dangerous goods oversight regime. Currently, the regulatory package is under review within the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS) for final publication in *Canada Gazette*, Part II (CGII).

The Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) program has undertaken a project called TDG Core. The project responds to the long-standing and growing need for the program of having higher quality, more complete and fully linked data, which will allow for better analysis and reporting. The project will further the transformation of the TDG program by providing fully integrated systems and data across all of TDG which will enable the program to better identify risks, emerging issues and safety trends.

Phase 1 of the TDG Core project has been completed and included the development of:

- A new modern inspection system called the Regulatory Oversight Management (ROM) application which was rolled-out in fall 2021.
- A new Facilities and Design Registration (FDR) application rolled-out in March 2023.
- A new system called a CID which will help ensure the program has accurate and up-to-date information on its regulated stakeholders.

A second Phase of TDG Core, which is currently underway, will see further modernization of the remaining TDG systems and will also include a unified TDG Online External Portal for TDG stakeholders that will enable them to access the various TDG systems.

The TDG Core project will allow the TDG Program to more effectively operate through the support of a fully integrated platform which will significantly improve the quality and accuracy of data across all TDG applications.

In addition to TDG Core, the Inspection Prioritization Tool (IPT) was officially launched as part of the Regulatory Oversight Management (ROM) application in early March 2022. The new tool has been used to develop TDG's annual inspection workplan since FY 2022-2023. TDG's new inspection prioritization approach is fully implemented.

Further, work to remove dangerous goods sites that are either closed or no longer working with dangerous goods is ongoing. To date, 14,139 sites have been removed. As of June 2023, 15,822 active sites remain in TDG's inspection database.