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Change

Current Brownfields Program

In July 2011, regulatory amendments were implemented that strengthened protection of human health and the environment::

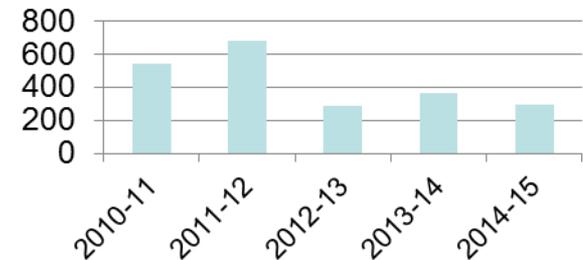
- updated standards based on advances in science;
- clarified environmental site assessment work to be done to meet requirements;
- ministry check and/or a review of Record of Site Condition (RSC) submission to ensure integrity and quality;
- introduced a streamlined Risk Assessment (RA); and,

- Ministry has worked with stakeholders to develop a brownfields program that is protective of the environment and human health.

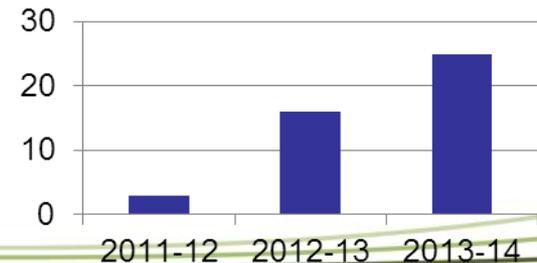
- Number of RSC filed trending up following spike in 2011 to meet standards before changed in July 2011

- Use and acceptance of streamlined RA is increasing and upward trend will continue with introduction of updated streamlined RA model

RSC Filings



Streamlined RA



What's Next?

- Continuous improvement - The Brownfields program is the subject of a Modernization of Approvals project that is primarily focused on enhancements to service delivery. The ministry will undertake reviews, assessment, and engagement over the next few months to determine the path forward.
- Excess Soils - The Ministry, supported by several other Ministries, is reviewing the need for further policy for managing excess. It is expected that this review will result in a strategic path forward for the development of priority policies.
- Risk Assessment - A proposal to update the Tier 2 streamlined risk assessment model was posted to the Environmental Registry for consultation (closed on January 9, 2015). Staff are considering some significant comments, and once complete will look to implement Version 2 of the tool via an Environmental Registry Decision Notice.
- Improving RSC compliance - We have partnered with the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario, who will be sending out an article on our behalf on tips to getting your RSC right the first time.
- Operationally we are engaged in the implementation of the Excess Soils Best Management Practices and ongoing compliance activities.