

## APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL – AIR/NOISE

### Applicable legislations:

Certificates of Approval are required by Section 9 of the [Ontario Environmental Protection Act](#).

O. Reg 419 (Air Pollution - Local Air Quality).

Any facility discharging to the outdoors, through any of its operations (equipment or processes), is required to obtain a Certificate of Approval (CofA) from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE). Without a valid/up-to-date CofA, facilities risk MOE orders, fines, and prosecution under Section 9 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA).

Oakhill has prepared over 50 successful applications for a wide range of clients including: casting operations, food processing, automotive, aerospace, cabinet makers, and more. We are experienced in evaluating many emission sources, including: paint booths and welding operations.

There are three types of CofA that we routinely perform:

1. Individual CofA (Air/Noise) – Granted for individual equipment/or process emissions. This type of CofA does not have an expiry date; however, if altered from permitted emissions, a new application must be submitted to amend the particular CofA.
2. Basic Comprehensive Certificates of Approval (Air/Noise) – Granted for facility's emissions with some operations flexibility to alter within approved production limit. This type of CofA expires every five years and requires annual update summaries. An amendment is required if the facility changes exceed the production limit.
3. Consolidated CofA (Air/Noise) – Granted for facility's emissions and combines all individual CofAs into a single CofA. This type of CofA does not have an expiry date; however, if altered from permitted emissions, a new application must be submitted to amend the CofA.

### ***How Oakhill Can Help:***

The scope of work for a CofA typically includes: a site visit, measuring stacks, creating diagrams (ex: site plan and process flow), emission calculations, dispersion modelling, and creation of an Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report.

Call Oakhill for a free no obligation quote, which will define in detail the tasks required to make your facility compliant.