



Conestoga-Rovers & Associates **Project Summary**

KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

- **Environmental Compliance Audit**
- **Identifying Relevant Legislation, Policies, Codes of Practice, and Best Management Practices**
- **Establishing Audit Objectives, Protocols and Criteria**
- **Collecting and Evaluating Audit Evidence**

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AUDITS CONFEDERATION BRIDGE, NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

In 1999, CRA completed an environmental compliance audit of the operation of the Confederation Bridge linking New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. A follow-up compliance audit was also completed in 2005. Compliance was assessed with applicable Federal and Provincial Regulations and Guidelines, Transport Canada's Sustainable Development Strategy, and the Environmental Protection Plans of the Confederation Bridge Operating Manual.

The audit covered operational activities including litter control; solid waste disposal; equipment movement on the ground and bridge deck; marine vessel movements; the transportation, storage, handling and disposal of dangerous goods; seasonal maintenance activities (including snow removal and de-icing); facility maintenance and cleaning; long term bridge superstructure and substructure maintenance activities; road marking/painting; emergency response contingency plans; and employee training.

CRA provided a lead auditor, with ISO 14000 training, who developed audit protocols, established the audit criteria, conducted site visits and interviews, and prepared draft and final audit reports. The reports included a full description of the criteria applicable to each activity, a discussion of the audit observations and findings (including direct reference to the applicable criteria where deficiencies were noted), and recommendations to address any deficiencies noted.

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