

Dear Environmental Professionals,

The Environmental Business Council (EBC) of the Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) invites you and your firm to participate in a vitally important new study to review the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Standard of Care from 2007-2010. The results of this study, like others GBA has done before, will provide valuable ammunition for firms facing possible litigation related to Phase I ESAs conducted during this time span.

Please see the invitation to participate at:

<https://www.geoprofessional.org/asset/file/2015PhaseIESASurveyInvitation.pdf>

and review the EBC's Proposal explaining the need for the study:

<https://www.geoprofessional.org/asset/file/2015PhaseIESASurveyProposal.pdf>

To participate, **submit the survey questionnaire, relevant reports, and proposals by August 15, 2015** to jerry.samford@troutmansanders.com.

The questionnaire is available at:

<https://www.geoprofessional.org/asset/file/2015PhaseIESAStandardofCareSurvey.docx>

Most importantly, please forward this invitation to other environmental professionals you know.

These materials refer to GBA members, but this is really an open invitation for all environmental professionals in the United States. We are inviting other organizations to cosponsor the survey and get their members to participate, as well as any firm performing Phase I ESAs, regardless of membership. The more firms that participate, the more valid the results are as a representative sample of Phase I ESAs from the entire industry, and the more likely it is that the final report will be accepted as the Standard of Care for purposes of assessing claims of negligence and liability in legal proceedings.

Please contact Jerry Samford at jerry.samford@troutmansanders.com with any questions or comments about this study.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

of the Geoprofessional Business Association

Learn more about the EBC: <https://www.geoprofessional.org/index.cfm?cdid=13366>

View GBA Publications related to Phase I ESAs, including previous study reports:

<https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/shopping/shopping.aspx?site=gba&shopsearch=phase+i&shopsearchCat=Merchandise>

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