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Appendix A: Chief Environment, Health and Safety Officer Responsibilities

Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Office of Associate Vice President, Risk Management Services
Approver:	Board of Governors (Board Safety, Health and Environment Committee)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Established in 2010, the Chief Environment, Health and Safety Officer (CESO) is a permanent, continuing assigned authority, appointed by and subject to the Vice President (Finance & Administration) [VP (F&A)]. The CESO reports to the VP (F&A) and consults with the Provost.

This authority is enacted when there is a need for the University to respond to, manage, and resolve significant environment, **health and safety** hazards and risks. This authority is fundamental to ensure compliance with **Environment, Health and Safety Management System (EHSMS)** procedures and legislative requirements.

2.0 REQUIREMENTS

The CESO must:

- Be a Senior Administrator as appointed by the VP (F&A)
- Participate in the orientation to the EHSMS

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Has the authority, to act on all environment, health and safety noncompliance issues, including the authority to stop any activity or take control of any University infrastructure when:
 - Immediate and significant environment, health and safety risk is present in any University affairs as determined by the CESO.
- 3.2 Informs Board Safety, Health and Environment Committee on situations deemed necessary as a result of immediate and significant environment, health and safety hazards; as well actions taken to mitigate the risks.
- 3.3 Approves the resumption of **University affairs** once compliance with EHSMS procedures and legislative requirements has been met.
- 3.4 The authority of the CESO cannot be delegated, in the absence of the current appointee it remains with the Vice-President (Finance and Administration).

DEFINITIONS

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Health and safety	includes physical, psychological and social well-being
Environment, Health and Safety Management System	A coordinated system of procedures, processes, and other measures that is designed to be implemented by organizations in order to promote continuous improvement in occupational health and safety. Includes Program Management and Leadership; Hazard Management; Training and Competency; Inspections and Maintenance; Incident Management; Emergency Preparedness; Contractor Management; Environmental Management; Program Evaluation; and Program Promotion.
University Affairs	Any activity that is directly related to or arising out of the operations of the university at any location.

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