

Environmental Programs

Environmental site assessments

Because Bell serves a vast territory, we own numerous properties used for administrative offices, vehicle maintenance garages, switching centres, cellular and transmission towers, warehouses, etc. This real estate may be contaminated due to the activities of former owners, or to accidental spills or releases caused by Bell activities, such as the storage of petroleum products and treated wood utility poles.

To minimize the environmental impact on soil and groundwater, Bell conducts environmental site assessments prior to any real estate transaction (purchase, sale, lease or lease termination), when contamination is discovered or at the end of an operational activity that may have contaminated a site.

The criteria for these assessments are based on provincial and federal regulations, and we undertake appropriate remediation based on the assessment findings.

Our property assessment program is driven by clear and measurable objectives:

- Take all the necessary measures to remediate or minimize the impacts to the natural environment in case of sudden or discovered contamination (e.g. spills, historic contamination)
- Establish and maintain an efficient due diligence process to minimize Bell's environmental and financial liabilities associated with soil and groundwater contamination caused by previous land users, and when leasing or selling a property, to prevent any future legal action associated with known contamination.