



Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) National Non-destructive Testing Certification Body (NDTCB) official clarification concerning the changes at the CGSB

Recently, as outlined in Budget 2025, the Government of Canada announced its decision to wind down the operations of the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) effective April 1, 2026.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) would like to reaffirm that, despite this announcement, there is no change to the mandate, the operating plans or commitments of the NRCan National Non-destructive Testing Certification Body (NDTCB), and that all NDTCB programs, services, and operations will continue without interruption indefinitely.

To clarify, the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) ***publishes*** the CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT) standard; the NRCan NDTCB ***certifies*** NDT personnel to the CAN/CGSB-48.9712 (ISO 9712, IDT) standard.

While the PSPC-CGSB standards publishing operations are being discontinued, CGSB is currently developing a transition plan for the maintenance of this standard to ensure reliable continuity, minimize disruption for partners and interested parties, and uphold the integrity of this critical national standard.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is also actively engaged in ongoing discussions with the CGSB and other key partners regarding the transition plan for the standard's development activities, while the NDTCB remains fully committed and our services unchanged. Our highest priority is to ensure that all current and future certificate holders can reliably access and maintain their certification with minimal disruptions or impacts during the changes at CGSB.

In summary, the PSPC-CGSB standards publishing operations are being discontinued, however the NDT personnel certification services provided by NRCan NDTCB are fully ongoing and will not be changed or interrupted. We appreciate the continued support and collaboration of our stakeholders as we work together to uphold the integrity and reliability of NDT certification in Canada.