Employer Needn't Give Risk Assessment to Safety Committee until Appeal Decided



A worker complained to the MOL after his employer refused to provide a copy of the site hazard assessment to the workplace safety committee. The MOL officer issued a direction to correct an OHS violation ordering the employer to hand over the report. The employer refused and filed an appeal. Question: Should the order be stayed, i.e., frozen, until the appeal was resolved' The federal OHS Tribunal said yes for 3 reasons:

- The issue to be decided was important and not 'frivolous'
- 2. The assessment contained sensitive information that would harm the employer if disclosed
- 3. The employer showed that it would implement adequate health and safety measures if the stay was granted that would remain in place until the appeal was decided

[Canada Border Services Agency v. Public Service Alliance of Canada, 2019 OHSTC 6 (CanLII), March 4, 2019].