EAO Environmental Assessment Office

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ROADMAP

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

1 DOES THE PROJECT NEED AN EA?

EAO WORKS with proponents to determine if the *Environmental Assessment Act* applies to their projects.

2 WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

EAO INVITES Indigenous groups and all levels of government to provide technical advice and identifies opportunities for public input.

3 WHAT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED?

CONSULTATION PERIOD *(typically 30 days)*

EAO SEEKS ADVICE from Indigenous groups, all levels of government, and the public to decide what should be considered in the assessment.

NO LEGISLATED TIMELINE

APPLICATION SUBMITTED

APPLICATION EVALUATION

4 IS ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION THERE?

EAO WORKS with Indigenous groups and all levels of government to review the proponent's application and ensure it is ready to be reviewed in detail.

30 DAY REVIEW PERIOD

APPLICATION REVIEW

5 COULD THE PROJECT HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS?

CONSULTATION PERIOD *(typically 30 days)*

EAO REVIEWS all available information in detail and seeks advice from Indigenous groups, all levels of government and the public to identify potential environmental, health, economic, social, or heritage effects.

6 WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE EA?

EAO PREPARES a report for provincial ministers to consider when making their decision about whether to approve the project.

180 DAY REVIEW PERIOD

DECISION PERIOD

7 SHOULD THE PROJECT PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP?

PROVINCIAL MINISTERS decide whether to approve a project, reject it, or order further assessment.

STOP
MORE INFO
GO

45 DAY REVIEW PERIOD

IF CERTIFICATE IS GRANTED

POST-CERTIFICATE ACTIVITIES

8 IS THE PROJECT BEING BUILT AND OPERATED AS APPROVED?

EAO WORKS with Indigenous groups and all levels of government to promote compliance, conduct inspections, assess complaints and take enforcement action.

LIFE OF THE PROJECT

BRITISH COLUMBIA