Environmental Assessment Process

(Environmental Assessment Act, 2002)

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

1 DOES THE PROJECT NEED AN EA?

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

2 WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

The ***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)*

The ***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?

The ***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)*

The ***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?

CONSULTATION PERIOD ON DRAFT DECISION MATERIALS *(typically 30 days)*

The ***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?

The ***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

EAO Environmental Assessment Office