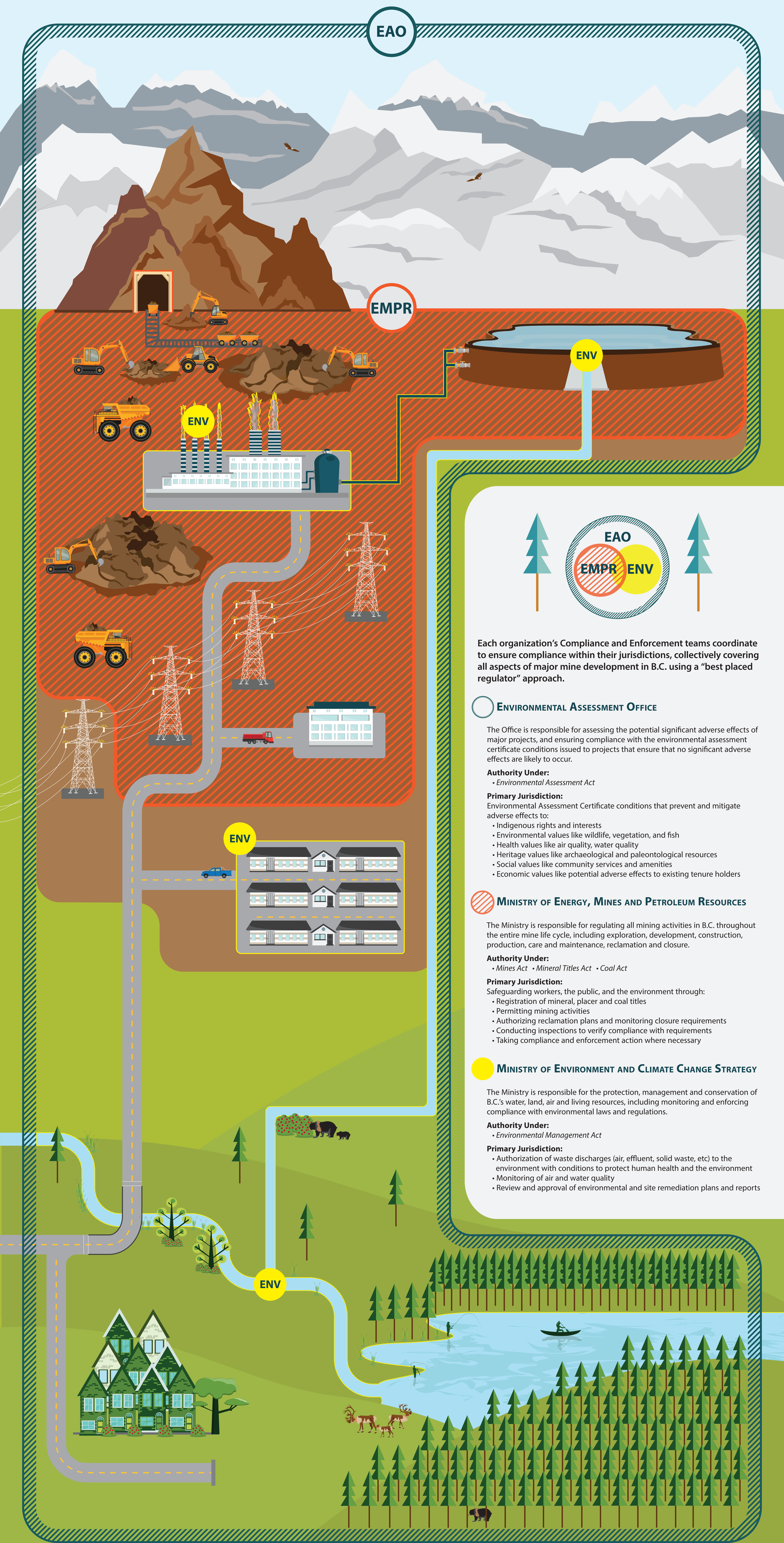


# Coordinated Compliance & Enforcement of Major Mines in British Columbia



Each organization's Compliance and Enforcement teams coordinate to ensure compliance within their jurisdictions, collectively covering all aspects of major mine development in B.C. using a "best placed regulator" approach.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE

The Office is responsible for assessing the potential significant adverse effects of major projects, and ensuring compliance with the environmental assessment certificate conditions issued to projects that ensure that no significant adverse effects are likely to occur.

**Authority Under:**  
• *Environmental Assessment Act*

**Primary Jurisdiction:**  
Environmental Assessment Certificate conditions that prevent and mitigate adverse effects to:

- Indigenous rights and interests
- Environmental values like wildlife, vegetation, and fish
- Health values like air quality, water quality
- Heritage values like archaeological and paleontological resources
- Social values like community services and amenities
- Economic values like potential adverse effects to existing tenure holders

## MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

The Ministry is responsible for regulating all mining activities in B.C. throughout the entire mine life cycle, including exploration, development, construction, production, care and maintenance, reclamation and closure.

**Authority Under:**  
• *Mines Act* • *Mineral Titles Act* • *Coal Act*

**Primary Jurisdiction:**  
Safeguarding workers, the public, and the environment through:

- Registration of mineral, placer and coal titles
- Permitting mining activities
- Authorizing reclamation plans and monitoring closure requirements
- Conducting inspections to verify compliance with requirements
- Taking compliance and enforcement action where necessary

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Ministry is responsible for the protection, management and conservation of B.C.'s water, land, air and living resources, including monitoring and enforcing compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

**Authority Under:**  
• *Environmental Management Act*

**Primary Jurisdiction:**

- Authorization of waste discharges (air, effluent, solid waste, etc) to the environment with conditions to protect human health and the environment
- Monitoring of air and water quality
- Review and approval of environmental and site remediation plans and reports