ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS MANAGED BY THE AGENCY

Aboriginal consultation is integrated into the EA to the extent possible

Government timeline of 365 days*

PD Review (10 days)
- Proponent submits PD
- Agency accepts PD or Agency requests more information from proponent

Determination of EA (up to 45 days)
- 20-day public comment period on PD
- Agency determines whether EA is required
- Agency issues Notice of Determination
- Agency discusses cooperation with province

Yes to EA
EA by the Agency
- Agency issues NOC
- Public comment period on draft EIS Guidelines
- Minister refers project to Review Panel if warranted (within 60 days of NOC)
- Agency issues final EIS Guidelines to proponent

No EA
EA by Review Panel
- Proponent submits EIS
- Government reviews EIS – public comment period
- Proponent supplements EIS as needed

Analysis
- Proponent submits EIS
- Government reviews EIS – public comment period
- Proponent supplements EIS as needed
- Public comment period on Panel Terms of Reference

Review by Panel
- Minister appoints the Panel
- Panel reviews EIS to determine sufficiency – public comment period if needed
- Panel holds public hearing
- Panel submits EA Report to the Minister

EA Decision
- Minister determines significance of environmental effects
- Cabinet decides if significant effects, if any, are justified
- Minister issues EA Decision Statement with enforceable conditions

Follow-up and Enforcement

EA Report
- Agency prepares draft EA Report
- Public comment period on draft EA Report
- Agency finalizes EA Report

EA Decision Statement

Government timeline of 24 months*

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* With possibility of extension
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• EA: Environmental Assessment
• EIS: Environmental Impact Statement
• PD: Project Description
• NOC: Notice of Commencement

: Public Participation Opportunity
: Deliverable

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