

# Environmental Assessment / EIAs

Environmental assessment is required where the complexity and scale of a proposed project, technology, resource allocation, or siting considerations create uncertainty about the exact nature of environmental effects, or result in a potential for significant adverse environmental effects.

The Environmental Assessment process allows companies and government decision makers to examine the effects that a proposed project may have on the environment. The information gathered during the process helps the appropriate Regulatory Board determine if the project is in the public interest.

As of October 1, 2014, the Alberta Energy Regulator is responsible for environmental assessments related to energy resources activity, including upstream oil, oil sands, natural gas, and coal development in the province.

- [Alberta Energy Regulator](#)  
See below for contact information

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) will continue to maintain a single register of all environmental assessment activity information on this website (see Summary of Environmental Assessment Activity).

- [Environmental Impact Assessments \(EIAs\) available online](#)

## Process

- [Alberta's Environmental Assessment Process](#) - Dec 2015 (4 pages, <1 MB)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)- Feb 2010 (10 pages, <1 MB)
- [Glossary of Environmental Assessment Terms and Acronyms Used in Alberta](#)- Feb 2010 (31 pages, <1 MB)
- [Guide to Preparing Environmental Impact Assessment Reports in Alberta](#)- Mar 2013 (29 pages, <1 MB)
- [Guide to Providing Comments on Proposed Terms of Reference](#)- Feb 2010 (4 pages, <1 MB)
- [Guide to Reviewing Environmental Impact Assessment Reports](#)- Mar 2010 (32 pages, <1 MB)
- [Preparing Disclosure Documents for EA Screenings](#)- Jan 2010 (4 pages, <1 MB)
- [Preparing for and Submitting an EIA Report](#)- Feb 2010 (3 pages, <1 MB)
- [Preparing a Project Summary Table](#) – Dec 2015 (2 pages, <1 MB)
- [Project Summary Table](#) – Dec 2015 (2 pages, <1 MB)
- [Standardized Terms of Reference](#)- Jan 2013 (1 page, <1 MB)
  - [Coal Mine Project](#)- Jul 2016 (19 pages, <1 MB)
  - [Industrial Plant Project](#)- Jul 2016 (18 pages, <1 MB)
  - [In-Situ Project](#)- Jul 2016 (18 pages, <1 MB)
  - [Oil Sands Mine Project](#)- Jul 2016 (22 pages, <1 MB)

## Assessment Information

- [At a Glance - Status of Current Projects](#)- Jun 1, 2016 (2 pages, < 1 MB)
- [Environmental Assessment Program Statistics](#)
- [List of Completed EIAs by Activity](#)- Feb 4, 2016 (4 pages, < 1 MB)
- [List of Completed EIAs by Date](#)- Feb 4, 2016 (4 pages, < 1 MB)
- [List of Completed EIAs by Proponent](#)- Feb 4, 2016 (4 pages, < 1 MB)
- [Summary of Environmental Assessment Activity - Current Projects](#)
- [Summary of Environmental Assessment Activity - Historical Projects](#)

## Legislation

- [Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act](#) (See sections 39-59)
- [Environmental Assessment Regulation](#) (112/93)
- [Mandatory and Exempted Activities Regulation](#) (111/93)
- [Responsible Energy Development Act](#)
- [Water Act](#) (See Section 16 and 17)

## Third-Party Contracting (3PC)

- [3PC Model - Final Evaluation Report and Action Plan](#)- Dec 20 2010 (58 pages, 1.9 MB)
- [What Contractors Should Know](#)- Feb 2010 (5 pages, <1 MB)
- [What Proponents Should Know](#)- Feb 2010 (5 pages, <1 MB)

## E-Mail Information Service

- [Sign Up for Environmental Assessment Updates E-mail Information Service](#)

## Federal/Provincial Cooperation

In 1999, the governments of Canada and Alberta signed a cooperative agreement to avoid duplication and ensure that environmental assessments are conducted as efficiently and effectively as possible.

- [Canada-Alberta Agreement for Environmental Assessment Cooperation](#)
- [2008 Annual Report - Canada-Alberta Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation \(2005\)](#)- Mar 10, 2009 (11 pages, <1 MB)
- [Canadian Environmental Assessment Act \(CEAA\) and Regulations](#)

## Related Links

- [Aboriginal Consultation Policy](#)
- [Alberta Utilities Commission \(AUC\)](#)
- [Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency \(CEAA\)](#)
- [Cumulative Effects Assessment in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports](#)- (6 pages, <1 MB)
- [EPEA Approval Process](#)
- [International Association for Impact Assessment \(IAIA\)](#)
- [Major Projects Management Office \(MPMO\)](#)
- [Natural Resources Conservation Board \(NRCB\)](#)
- [Oil Sands Information Portal](#)
- [Regional Strategic Environmental Assessment \(RSEA\)](#)- 2009 (27 pages, <1 MB)
- [Water Act Approvals Facts](#)- (2 pages, <1 MB)
- [Water Act Licences Facts](#)- (2 pages, <1 MB)

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