

Reference Guide to Public Participation in Environmental Assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

By The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Dear Colleagues,

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) would like to share the following reference guides.

- Please find attached, a Reference Guide to 'Public Participation in Environmental Assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012' (Draft Version 1, April 2017).
The Guide describes the key public participation opportunities during an environmental assessment conducted by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency or by a review panel under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. This Guide should be used in conjunction with other guidance and policy instruments of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.
- Please find attached the technical guidance on 'Determining Whether a Designated Project is Likely to Cause Significant Adverse Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012' (Draft version 1, April 2017).
This technical guidance document provides methodological options and key considerations in determining whether a project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects during environmental assessments conducted by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency or a review panel under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012. This guidance supplements the approach outlined in the Operational Policy Statement for determining significance and should be used in conjunction with other guidance and policy instruments of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.
- Please see the technical guidance on 'Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012' (Draft version 2, April 2017).

This technical guidance document provides methodological options and considerations in assessing cumulative environmental effects during environmental assessments conducted by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency or a review panel under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012. This guidance supplements the approach outlined in the Operational Policy Statement for assessing cumulative environmental effects and should be used in conjunction with other guidance and policy instruments of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. The technical guidance may be reviewed and updated periodically. This is a 'version 2' draft that updates the draft version dated December 2014.

For more information or to provide comments on the guidance please send inquiries to the Agency at CEAA.guidance-orientation.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Please note that this Reference Guide is for information purposes only and does not substitute the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) or its regulations. In case of any inconsistency between this document and CEAA 2012 or its regulations, CEAA 2012 or its regulations would prevail.

Sincerely,

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