
Introduction

Public review of Environment Act proposals is a fundamental component of the environmental assessment and licensing process in Manitoba under *The Environment Act*. All public comments received during the review process are made available through the public registry system, which includes an online public registry at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/index.html>.

Comments provided on a project undergoing environmental assessment and licensing must be in writing. Letters, emails and faxes are welcome, as are comments provided on the optional form below. Information on who to send comments to, along with mailing, email and fax information and a deadline date for comments is provided in the advertisement for each proposal. A copy of the advertisement is included in the online registry for each project.

Comment Guidelines

Comments should follow these guidelines so that they may contribute value to the environmental assessment of a project and be suitable for posting in the public registries:

- Comments should identify an issue or concern or otherwise contribute to a better understanding of the potential environmental, economic, social, heritage and health effects of the proposed project, rather than merely adopting a position for or against the project.
- Comments must be written in language that is appropriate for posting. Language that is profane, defamatory or abusive is not considered suitable and may result in the comments being rejected for posting.
- Comments that quote or attribute facts to external sources or third parties should be publicly known or easily verified and where appropriate should include supporting references.
- Including hyperlinks in comments should be avoided, as the content and availability of the website being referred to cannot be relied upon.
- Comments in the form of a petition or a form response must show that all signatories have consented to have their names posted. In the absence of consent from each signatory, generally provided by a declaration at the top of each page or form, only the text of the petition or form will be posted.
- Public comments must be received within the time limits established for the public comment period unless prior arrangements have been made with the Environmental Approvals Branch contact person for the review.

The Environmental Approvals Branch generally does not post public comments received outside public comment periods, and generally will not remove comments from the public registry once they have been submitted. The name of the writer will be provided with each comment. However, other identifying information including mailing addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers will be redacted from posted comments. Where a submission provided makes reference to other individual third parties by name, those names and any other personal identifying information will be redacted as well.

Environment Act Proposal Comment Form (Optional)

Name: _____ Project: _____

Comment/Concern/Question:

Attachments: (Maximum size – 5 MB in .pdf and/or .jpg format)

Contact information for follow-up – email Y/N or mailing address:

(Contact information will not be provided to participants or posted to public registries.)

