Environmental Assessment and Licensing Process

Proponent plans to construct and operate project

Is project a Development, requiring Environment Act Licence before construction and operation? If unsure, check Classes of Development Regulation MR 164/88 and/or ask Environmental Approvals Branch (EAB)

Project may proceed, subject to other regulatory requirements

Proponent submits Environment Act Proposal (EAP), consisting of:
- cover letter;
- signed EAP Form (available online);
- hard & electronic copies of proposal document(s); and
- application fee.
EAP is assigned to EAB Contact (Contact)

Is additional information required?

Contact requests proponent submit additional information

Proposal documents distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and to public registry, requesting comments within prescribed timeframe
Advertisement placed in local newspapers (and regional publications if of regional interest) and online, requesting comments within prescribed timeframe

Contact reviews public and TAC comments

Is additional information required?

Contact requests proponent submit additional information

Does public concern warrant a public hearing?

Minister requests Clean Environment Commission (CEC) to conduct hearing(s)
CEC hearing and report to Minister

Licensing decision by EAB Director (Class 3 – by Minister)

Refusal
Proponent notified of reason
Decision may be appealed within 30 days

Approval – licence provided to proponent and interested public, posted in public registry

Appeal decision to Minister
Appeal upheld, licence varied
Appeal dismissed
Appellant notified of decision

Contact prepares summary report of public and TAC comments and drafts licence addressing environmental effects and mitigation strategies
Draft licence distributed to TAC for review within ~10 working days

Process continues; objector(s) given written reasons for not recommending a hearing

Contact requests proponent submit additional information