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Information Session: Federal Environmental Assessment Process

*Port of Quebec Deep-Water Multipurpose Wharf Project –
Beauport 2020*

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Purpose of the Presentation

- Describe the federal environmental assessment process currently underway for the project
- Identify opportunities for public participation during the process
- Show how Aboriginal and public comments have been integrated into the final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines

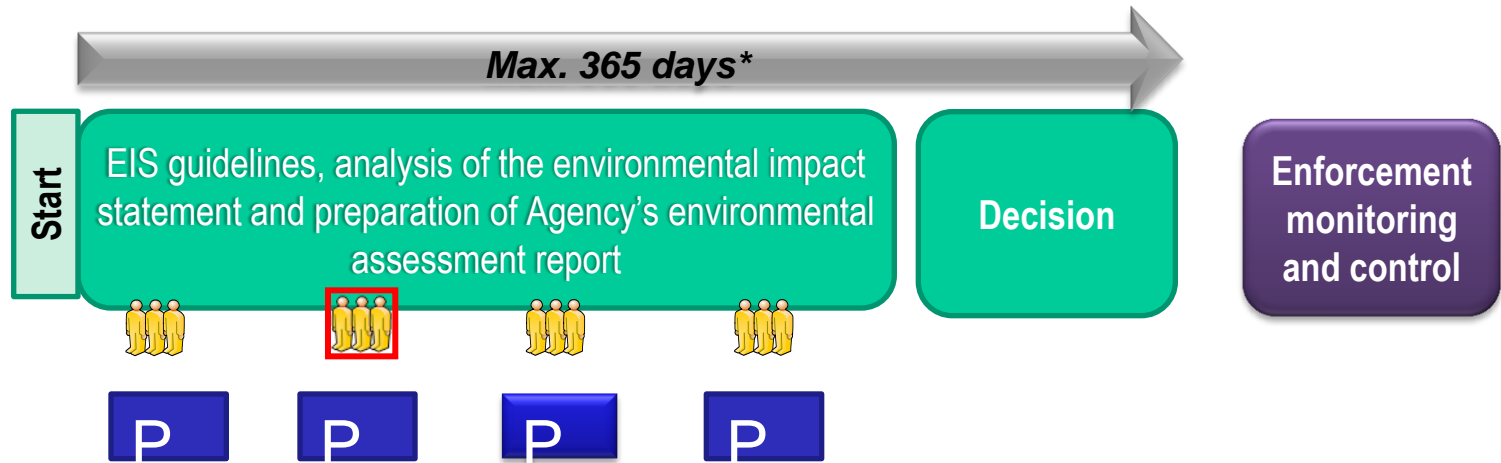


Who Are We?

- We report to the Minister of the Environment
- We administer the federal environmental assessment process in accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*
- We coordinate Aboriginal and public consultations
- We make recommendations in the environmental assessment report submitted to the Minister for decision
- We ensure that conditions associated with the Minister's decision are implemented



Port of Quebec Project: Process Overview



PP1= Draft guidelines

PP2 = November 4-5, 2015

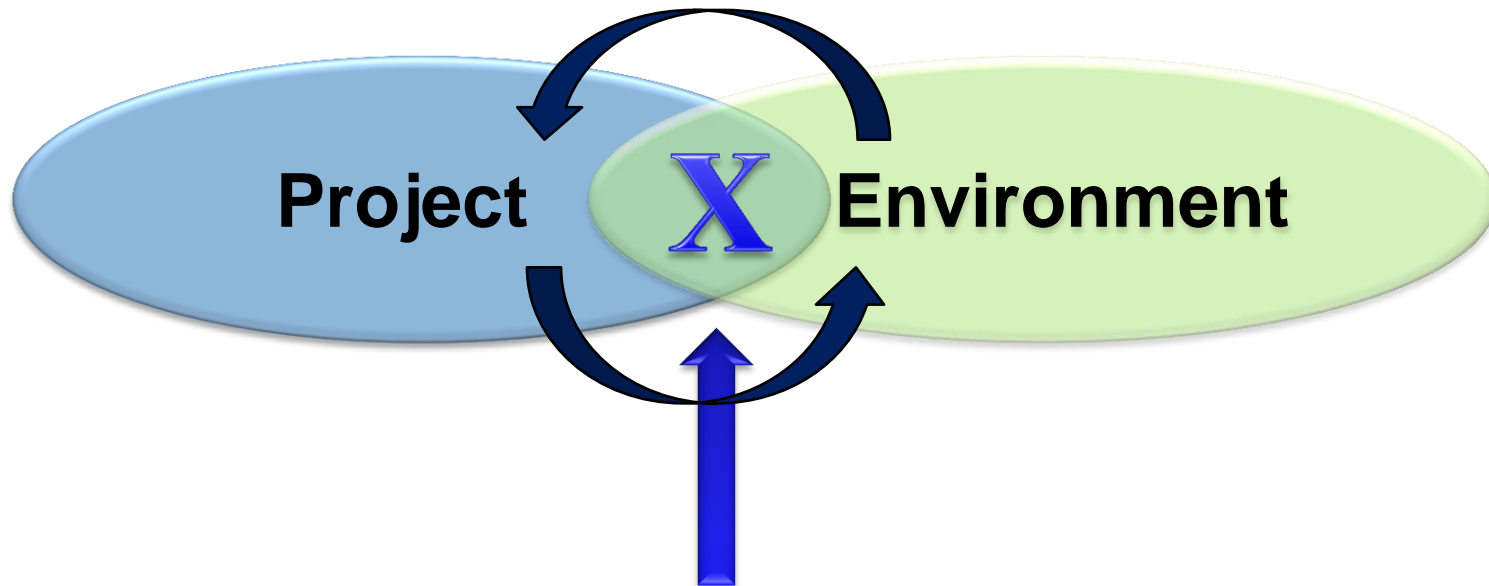
PP3 = Environmental impact statement

PP4 = Draft environmental assessment report

* Time taken by the proponent to prepare information is not included in the 365-day period



What factors will be considered?



Interactions

Assess environmental effects, malfunctions and accidents, cumulative effects, mitigation measures (to avoid significant effects), alternative means of carrying out the project, and effects of the project on the environment



What environmental effects will be studied?



- fish and fish habitat
- migratory birds
- terrestrial flora and fauna and wetlands
- effects of changes to the environment on Aboriginal peoples and the general public:
 - health and socio-economic conditions (including dust and noise)
 - current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes
 - physical and cultural heritage, things of historical, archaeological or architectural significance
 - current use of lands and resources for recreational purposes



Who will conduct the analysis?

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency leads the environmental assessment process with the support of experts from:

- Transport Canada
- Laurentian Pilotage Authority
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Health Canada
- *Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (MDDELCC)*



Who will make the decision?

- Based on the Agency's recommendations, the Environment Minister will determine whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects after mitigation measures are implemented
- If it is determined that a project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, Cabinet must decide whether the effects are justified in the circumstances
- The Minister issues a notice of decision setting out **enforceable conditions** to avoid, mitigate or compensate for the adverse environmental effects
- Once the Minister issues the decision, departments can make their own decision with regard to legislation under their responsibility



If the project is approved, who will monitor compliance?

- The Agency is responsible for ensuring that the proponent meets the conditions issued by the Minister under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*
- Departments are responsible for ensuring compliance with conditions associated with authorizations under legislation for which they have responsibility



How to contribute to the environmental assessment?

- All comments submitted during the process will be taken into account
- Guidelines (phase completed):
 - Electronic consultation period on the draft environmental impact statement guidelines

The Agency sent the final guidelines to the proponent, which took Aboriginal and public comments into account.



How to contribute to the environmental assessment?

- Analysis of the proponent's environmental impact statement (EIS):
 - Electronic consultation period on the potential environmental effects described in the EIS
 - Open door session
 - Public consultation session with a facilitator

After analysis of the views of the technical committee and the comments received from Aboriginal groups and the public, the Agency will send the proponent an information request.



How to contribute to the environmental assessment?

- Agency's draft environmental assessment report and potential conditions:
 - Electronic consultation period
 - Open door session

The Agency will draft the final version of the environmental assessment report and potential conditions, taking Aboriginal and public comments into account. These documents will support the Minister's decision.



Available Tools for Participating

- Final guidelines
- Proponent's documents: environmental impact statement, additional studies, answers to information requests from the Agency, etc.
- Information requests from the Agency to the proponent
- Comments received from the public, Aboriginal groups and stakeholders



Available Tools for Participating

- Views of technical committee experts
- Minutes of meetings between the proponent and the Agency or the technical committee
- Funding to participate in the environmental assessment (the application deadline for funding was October 16, 2015)
- Agency news releases and public notices



Next Steps in the Agency's Process

- Submission of environmental impact statement by the Quebec Port Authority
- Public consultation by the Agency on the environmental impact statement



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