



PUBLIC AND INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION

Meaningful public and Indigenous engagement in impact assessments supports a transparent process and strengthens the quality and credibility of project reviews. We encourage the public and Indigenous Peoples to get involved at every stage of the process.

Participants can:

- Provide comments or submissions on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Canada.ca/ciar)
- Participate in public hearings
- Apply for participation funding (if eligible)
- Follow us on social media to stay informed

Public Hearings are opportunities for those interested in a project, including Indigenous groups, to express their views and provide evidence in support of those views to the integrated review panel directly.

INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION

IAAC and CNSC conduct engagement and consultation with Indigenous Peoples early and throughout the impact assessment process to promote better communication, relationship-building, cooperation and partnership.

PARTICIPANT FUNDING PROGRAM

IAAC supports public engagement and Indigenous consultation by providing funding to eligible groups and individuals at key stages of the assessment process. Funds can be used to pay for travel, administrative costs or fees for legal experts. For more information, visit IAAC's website (Canada.ca/iaac).



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Visit the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry for information on projects, provide comments and learn about funding opportunities.

Have your say!



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Integrated Impact Assessments

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



Major nuclear projects are subject to integrated impact assessments led by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) alongside the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), the nuclear lifecycle regulator. These integrated assessments look at the positive and negative environmental, economic, social, and health impacts of projects, as well as the potential impacts on Indigenous Peoples and their rights.

Integrated impact assessments are an efficient way to conduct assessments for major nuclear projects because they benefit from the expertise of both IAAC and CNSC, as well as meet the requirements of the *Impact Assessment Act* and the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*. By working together, these agencies also achieve the Government of Canada's goal of "one project, one assessment."

HOW AN INTEGRATED REVIEW PANEL WORKS

To conduct an integrated assessment, an independent review panel is appointed by the Government of Canada.

The Government selects members of the panel from the general public based on their knowledge or experience relevant to the project's anticipated effects or their knowledge of the interests and concerns of Indigenous Peoples relevant to the assessment. Members must be unbiased and free of any conflict of interest relative to the project.

The **Impact Assessment Agency of Canada** delivers high quality impact assessments of major projects in support of sustainable development in Canada.

The review panel will:

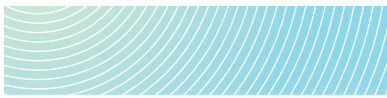
- Collect information
- Hold a public hearing
- Submit an Impact Assessment Report to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change

The report is reviewed by the Governor in Council (i.e., Cabinet) which determines whether the potential adverse effects are in the public interest.

If a project is determined to be in the public interest, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change issues a positive Decision Statement which may include enforceable conditions.

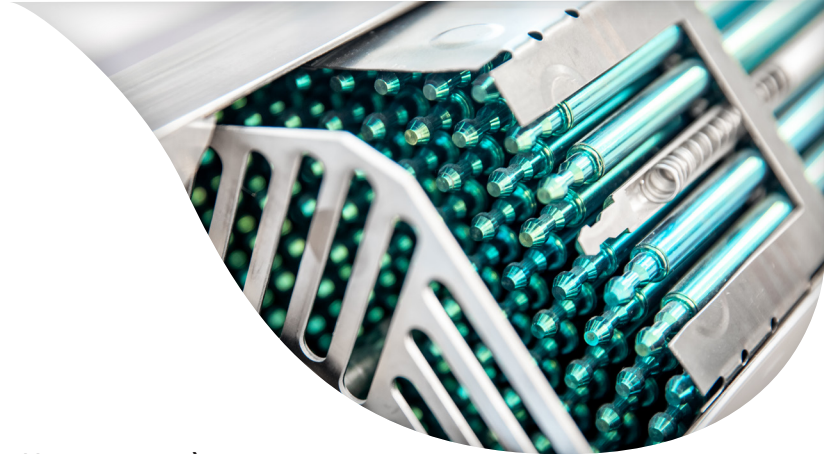
The integrated review panel will also issue the initial licensing decision(s) under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*.

The **Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission** regulates the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect health, safety, security and the environment. It is considered a lifecycle regulator because it plays a role throughout the life of a project. It also implements Canada's international commitments on the peaceful use of nuclear energy, and provides the public objective scientific, technical and regulatory information.



THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS BY AN INTEGRATED REVIEW PANEL

September 2023



PHASE 1: PLANNING

Duration: 180 days

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- Proponent submits Project Description
- Public engagement and consultations begin
- Notice that an impact assessment is required
- Public comment period on draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and draft Plans
- IAAC and CNSC develop and seek input on planning documents
- IAAC posts Notice of Commencement and planning documents on Registry

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PHASE 2: IMPACT STATEMENT

Duration: Up to 3 years (time determined by proponent)

- IAAC and CNSC develop and seek input on Review Panel's Terms of Reference
- Public comment period on draft Terms of Reference
- Proponent submits Impact Statement
- IAAC and CNSC review and seek input on Impact Statement
- Public comment period on Impact Statement
- Impact Statement accepted and public notice issued

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PHASE 3: IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Duration: 300 days

- Integrated Review Panel appointed and Terms of Reference established
- Determination of sufficient information to proceed to the public hearing
- Public comment period on draft conditions
- Public Hearing
- Integrated Review Panel submits its impact assessment report to Minister including recommended conditions
- Public comment period on draft potential conditions (only if new conditions are proposed)

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PHASE 4: DECISION-STATEMENT

Duration: 90 days

- Governor in Council makes Public Interest Determination
- Minister issues Decision Statement with conditions

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PHASE 5: POST-DECISION

Duration: Ongoing

- Integrated Review Panel issues applicable license(s)
- CNSC undertakes required follow-up and ongoing compliance monitoring

Duration for Phase 5 is varied: The Minister cannot amend any conditions designated by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and must consult with other regulators prior to amending conditions.



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