

Environmental Assessment Process in Nunavut

Nunavut is a special place and everyone wants to ensure the land and environment are treated with respect. Many projects such as mines or contaminated sites clean ups can have a big impact on the land and water. It is the role of many different organizations, and the public, to make sure Nunavut is protected through the environmental assessment process.

Environmental assessment, or EA, in Nunavut is a very public process that relies on input from elders and other community members. The process in Nunavut is overseen by two groups, the Nunavut Impact Review Board, or NIRB, and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, or CEAA.

How it WORKS



A company that wants to develop a project must complete a detailed description of the impacts they feel their project could have on the environment and what they will do to protect Nunavut from those impacts. Other organizations and governments in Nunavut who have a role to play in the protection of Nunavut's resources review the company's plans to make sure they have used sound scientific methods and have taken everything into consideration. Then they make recommendations to the appropriate overseer who considers all of the recommendations and makes a decision about whether the project can go ahead. For larger projects, federal government ministers are involved.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has a role to play in the environmental assessment process. For more information contact us at nunavutenvironment@ainc-inac.gc.ca

