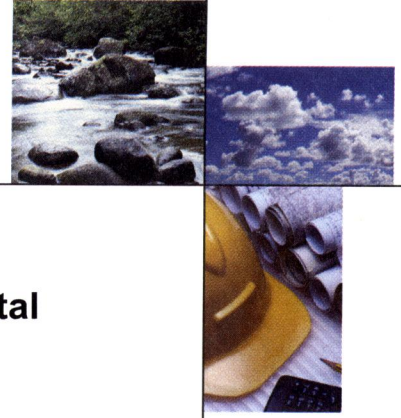




Information



Questions and Answers on the Federal Environmental Assessment of the Rabaska LNG Project

Why is the federal government involved in this project?

The Rabaska LNG project is subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* due to the requirement for the proponents to obtain various federal authorizations. The permits and authorizations that are required for the project and that trigger an environmental assessment are as follows:

- Authorization from Fisheries and Oceans Canada under the *Fisheries Act*;
- Approval from Transport Canada under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*;
- Authorization from the Canadian Transportation Agency under the *Canada Transportation Act*.

Where can I consult the Environmental Impact Statement?

All documents relating to this project are filed in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry, which can be accessed on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's Web site at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

What is a federal review panel or joint review panel?

A federal review panel is a group of experts selected for their knowledge, expertise and impartiality. The panel members are appointed by the federal Minister of the Environment to examine and assess, in an objective and impartial manner, those projects that may cause significant adverse environmental effects. A panel can also be appointed where justified by public concerns.

A joint review panel is established by agreement between different levels of government wishing to harmonize their respective environmental assessment processes. In the case of the Rabaska LNG project, the governments of Canada and Quebec could establish



a joint review panel to meet the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Quebec Environment Quality Act*.

Review panels promote discussion and exchange of views in an open and impartial manner. They provide information about the project and encourage the participation of a large number of interested groups and members of the public by holding public hearings, at which individuals can present their views, concerns and recommendations. The public hearings also provide a forum at which the proponent can present the project to the public, explain its environmental effects and give members of the public an opportunity to hear the views of government experts on the project.

What is the *Canada-Quebec Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation*?

The Agreement provides for the sharing of services required to coordinate environmental assessment processes, including the holding of joint public hearings.

The Agreement can be accessed on the Agency's Web site at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

What happens after a review?

After the review panel holds public hearings and completes its analysis, it is required to prepare an environmental assessment report presenting its justifications, conclusions and recommendations, as well as a summary of the public comments received.

A federal government response will be prepared, approved by Cabinet and made public. Cabinet approval is required before federal decisions are made and authorizations issued.

How can I participate in a review?

Members of the public can present their views, concerns and recommendations at the public hearings held by the review panel.

Is funding available to take part in the environmental assessment process?

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency can provide funding under its Participant Funding Program to allow members of the public to participate in panel reviews.

In the case of the Rabaska LNG project, the Agency has provided \$99,835 to eight applicants to allow them to take part in the environmental assessment.

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