

FACT SHEET

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STAGE 3: ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY REVIEW

Stage 3 of the Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) is the regulatory review phase, which includes an independent environmental assessment. This will include further opportunities for consultation and input by the public, stakeholders, Aboriginal groups and communities.

Key regulatory processes that will apply include independent federal and provincial environmental assessment processes delivered by the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA).

Further information on these key regulatory agencies is available on the following websites:

- B.C. Environmental Assessment Office www.eao.gov.bc.ca
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency www.ceaa.gc.ca

WHAT'S NEXT

BC Hydro's Stage 3 work will include:

- Refining and updating the historic project design to reflect current environmental, seismic and safety guidelines.
- Updating the interim project cost estimate based on an updated project design.
- Advancing environmental and socio-economic studies from baseline work to impact assessment, including measures to avoid or mitigate impacts.
- Consulting with Aboriginal groups, the public, communities and property owners, as well as the Province of Alberta and Northwest Territories.
- Continuing community relations and public communications through community consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope, web and e-mail updates, and responding to inquiries through a toll-free telephone line, e-mail, mail and fax.

Construction of Site C will be subject to environmental certification and required regulatory approvals, and ensuring that the Crown's constitutional duties to First Nations are met. The regulatory review is expected to take approximately two years, and it is anticipated that Site C will be available for domestic electricity need by 2020.