
2012 Integrated Resource Plan



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**Site C Clean Energy Project
Information Sheet:
Environmental Assessment Process**

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

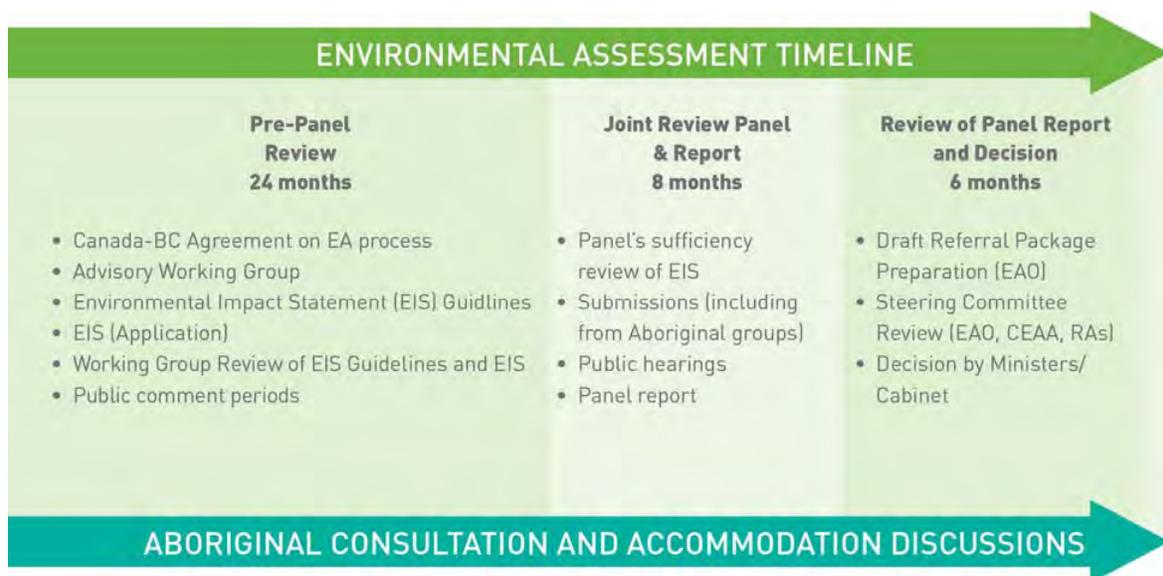
The Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) is in the early stages of a cooperative environmental assessment by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) and the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), which includes a Joint Review Panel process.

The environmental assessment process for Site C will be thorough and independent. It will include several public comment periods, as well as a public hearing process. These consultations will provide opportunities for timely and meaningful participation by the public, Aboriginal groups, all levels of government, and other interested groups.

As part of an environmental assessment of Site C, BC Hydro will identify and assess potential project effects — environmental, economic, social, heritage and health — and opportunities to provide lasting benefits for the region and First Nations. Where effects cannot be avoided, BC Hydro will identify and evaluate options for mitigation.

The Site C project requires environmental certification and other regulatory approvals — including provincial permits and federal authorizations — before it can proceed to construction. In addition, the Crown has a duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Aboriginal groups.

The environmental assessment process for Site C is expected to take approximately three years to complete.



Further information about the environmental assessment process is available online:

- British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office: www.eao.gov.bc.ca
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency: www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

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B.C. continues to grow and so has the need for more electricity. That's why BC Hydro is building, renewing, and encouraging conservation to meet today's needs and those of future generations. BC Hydro is celebrating 50 years of providing power for British Columbians, and inviting them to help prepare for the next 50 years.

More information on Site C can be found at: www.bchydro.com/sitec.