

Review Guidance

The Version 3 Amended EIS/EA is organized into the following three parts:

- 1) **The EIS/EA Report** – The EIS/EA Report contains a complete summary of the EIS/EA, including a description of methods, existing conditions, assessment of alternatives, project description, assessment of effects, consultation activities, monitoring plans, commitments, benefits and conclusions. A condensed summary of the EIS/EA Report is also provided in the Executive Summary of the EIS/EA Report.
- 2) **Technical Supporting Documents (TSDs)** – The TSDs contain additional details regarding baseline data collection, baseline conditions and analysis completed in support of the effects assessment for each major component of the physical, social and biological environment. The key findings and results contained in the TSDs are summarized in the EIS/EA Report.
- 3) **Addendum** – The Addendum contains responses to comments and information requests received from the joint federal-provincial review team, Aboriginal communities and from the public subsequent to the submission of the Version 2 EIS/EA. The Addendum also contains supplemental documentation provided in support of the responses to the comments and information requests received. An index of comments and information requests is provided in Tables A-1 and Table B-1, respectively, in Parts A and B of the Addendum. The index includes a reference number for each comment/information request, references to the EIS/EA and other comments/information requests, and identification of the primary topic and subtopics of each comment/information request. Furthermore, references to comment/information request responses have been added throughout the text of the EIS/EA Report, where appropriate, to inform the reader of additional or clarifying information contained in the comment/information request responses relevant to the EIS/EA section being reviewed. A high-level summary of important information included in the Addendum that resulted from the governmental review process is provided in the subsequent section.

The recommended approach to reviewing the Version 3 Amended EIS/EA depends of the level of review that is desired. For a high-level summary of the project and results of the EIS/EA, review of the Executive Summary is recommended. For a fulsome understanding of the EA methods, existing conditions, assessment of alternatives, project description, assessment of effects, consultation activities, monitoring plans, commitments, benefits and conclusions, a full review of the EIS/EA Report is recommended. For reviewers that have interest in the detailed analysis undertaken to reach the EIS/EA conclusions, references to the appropriate sections of the TSDs are provided throughout the EIS/EA. Similarly, references to comment/information request responses are provided throughout the EIS/EA, where appropriate to inform the reader of additional or clarifying information contained in the Addendum.

In summary, the EIS/EA Report is organized such that independent review of the TSDs and the Addendum is not required to understand the results and conclusions of the EIS/EA. Through review of the EIS/EA Report, the reader will be informed of additional details contained in the TSDs and in the Addendum and it is left to the discretion of the reviewer to determine the appropriate level of review for their purposes.