

Environmental Assessment Process

LAURENTIA PROJECT: PORT OF QUEBEC DEEP-WATER WHARF - BEAUPORT SECTOR

November 2020

1 PROJECT DESIGNATION

- The project was designated by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on July 31, 2015.

3 PARTICIPANT FUNDING PROGRAM

- The Agency announced the availability of federal funding on September 16, 2015.
- The Agency announced the allocation of federal funding to support participation in the EA on January 26, 2016.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

- The Agency submitted its draft EA Report and the potential conditions on November 16, 2020.
- The Agency announced a public comment period on the draft EA Report and the potential conditions from November 16 to December 16, 2020.
- The Agency also announced that virtual information sessions would be held on December 8 and 10, 2020.
- The Agency will finalize the EA Report and the potential conditions.

2 START OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- The Agency published the Notice of Commencement of an EA on August 10, 2015.
- The Agency announced a public comment period on the draft EIS Guidelines on August 10, 2015.
- The Agency issued the final EIS Guidelines to the proponent on October 16, 2015.

4 REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- The proponent provided the Agency with an initial EIS on March 11, 2016, a second EIS on October 4, 2016, and additional information on December 16, 2016, following a Notice of Non-compliance from the Agency.
- The Agency held a public comment period on the proponent's Environmental Impact Statement from January 4 to February 10, 2017.
- The Agency held a second public comment period, on the project update and the impact statement, from May 29 to June 28, 2019.
- On September 8, 2020, following the proponent's responses regarding the January 2020 project enhancements, the Agency determined that it had all the information needed to complete the environmental analysis.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION

- The Minister will determine whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.
- If the adverse effects are deemed to be significant, the governor in council will decide whether the project may proceed.
- If the project is authorized to proceed, the Minister will issue a decision statement, which will include legally binding conditions.

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Agency: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

EA: Environmental Assessment

EIS: Environmental Impact Statement



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Frequently Asked Questions

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1. WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, an environmental assessment is a process to predict the adverse environmental effects of proposed initiatives before they are carried out. An environmental assessment:

- identifies potential adverse environmental effects;
- proposes measures to mitigate those adverse environmental effects;
- predicts whether there will be significant adverse environmental effects even after the mitigation measures are implemented; and
- includes follow-up programs to verify that the environmental assessment was accurate or the mitigation measures were effective.

2. HOW CAN THE PUBLIC AND INDIGENOUS GROUPS PARTICIPATE?

On November 16, 2020, the Agency invited the public and Indigenous groups to submit written comments on the Agency's draft Environmental Assessment Report and the potential conditions by December 16, 2020. Virtual information sessions will be held on December 8 and 10. This is the fifth and final public comment period for the environmental assessment of this project.

3. WHAT IS THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT?

The draft Environmental Assessment Report is a document that presents the Agency's conclusions and recommendations concerning the project's potential adverse environmental effects and their significance, the proposed mitigation measures, and the follow-up program. The Agency also prepared the potential conditions. The final conditions will be legally binding on the proponent if the project is allowed to proceed.

4. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Following the comment period on the draft Environmental Assessment Report, the Agency will prepare the final report and the final potential conditions with due consideration for the comments provided by the public and Indigenous groups during the final comment period.

The final Environmental Assessment Report will be submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, who will determine whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. If the Minister of Environment and Climate Change determines that the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, he will refer the decision to the Governor in Council to determine whether the project can proceed in the circumstances.

