

Suncor Base Mine Extension Project

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Suncor Energy Inc. is proposing to develop the Base Mine Extension Project to sustain the supply of bitumen to the existing upgraders at Suncor's Oil Sands Base Plant operation (Base Plant). The project includes an open-pit mining operation and associated infrastructure to supply bitumen to new froth production facilities and various other production facilities at the existing Base Plant. The project is located adjacent to existing Base Plant operations approximately three kilometres north of Fort McMurray, Alberta, within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Project construction is expected to start in 2026 and its footprint is anticipated to be approximately 30 000 hectares.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

From February 26th to April 7th 2021, the Agency will gather public comments regarding the documents mentioned below to inform the impact assessment process of this project.

Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines

This document provides direction to the proponent and information on the requirements related to the preparation of an impact statement for the project. Please take the following elements into account while writing your comments. For example, tell us:

- Which components of the environment, health, social or economic conditions, be they positive or negative, are important to you or your community?
- What locations are of importance to you and could be affected by the project?
- Any other issues you would like to see addressed in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines?

Public Participation Plan

This document describes the public participation objectives, the way in which individuals wish to participate and all the opportunities for participation in each phase of the impact assessment process. Please take the following elements into account while writing your comments. For example, tell us:

- Your preferences and suggestions on communication and participation tools that could facilitate your participation.
- Any challenges that you or your community are facing and that would prevent you from taking part in the project's public participation opportunities (for example, of a linguistic, economic, technical or other nature).

Send your comments by April 7, 2021

Please submit your comments through the "Submit a comment" feature of the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry at www.canada.ca/ciar (Project Reference Number: 80521)



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT THE AGENCY DOES

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), formerly called the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, is responsible for delivering high-quality impact assessments and serves as the centre of expertise on this subject matter within the Government of Canada. The Agency is responsible for federal reviews of major projects and collaborates with other organizations as well as with provincial, territorial and Indigenous bodies. The Agency also leads consultations with Indigenous groups on behalf of the Crown throughout the assessment process.

2. WHAT IS AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

An impact assessment is a study of the effects of a designated project, conducted pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act*. The effects are defined as changes to the environment or to the health, social or economic conditions and the positive or negative consequences of these changes. An impact assessment may be conducted by the Agency or by a Review Panel.

3. WHAT IS A REVIEW PANEL?

A review panel is a group of independent experts appointed by the Minister to conduct an impact assessment. The members are chosen on the basis of their knowledge and experience regarding the predicted effects of the project or Indigenous issues. The members must demonstrate impartiality and not be in a situation of conflict of interest with respect to the project.

4. WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION?

The participation of the public and Indigenous groups and Nations in an impact assessment ensures an open and balanced process, and makes it possible to increase the quality and credibility of a project review. The public and Indigenous groups and Nations are invited to give their comments regarding the key documents, such as the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the Impact Statement. The public and Indigenous groups and Nations can also participate in activities, such as community sessions and public hearings. The comments gathered will be taken into account in the Review Panel's Assessment Report.

5. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

For more information on the impact assessment of the Suncor Base Mine Extension Project or to consult the comments received, please refer to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry at www.canada.ca/ciar (Reference Number 80521).

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