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Subject: Guidance Documents and Expectations on Indigenous Engagement and Timelines

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) understand that Energy Alberta is committed to working with Indigenous Nations and communities on the proposed Peace River Nuclear Power Project (the Project).

Below are links to guidance documents that were provided to Energy Alberta in the fall 2024. Adhering to these guidance documents will facilitate the development of complete proponent submissions throughout the integrated assessment process.

Guidance Documents

- [Information for Proponents: Preliminary Consultation Assessment in Impact Assessments under the Impact Assessment Act - Canada.ca](#)
- [Policy Context: Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Guidance: Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Assessment of Potential Impacts on Rights: Operational Guidelines for Project Proponents](#)
- [Participant Funding Program – National Program Guidelines - Canada.ca](#)

IAAC and the CNSC are committed to fostering an efficient and timely process. The information provided in this letter will promote such a process. As we have indicated to Energy Alberta, an efficient process requires a proponent to engage meaningfully with Indigenous Nations and communities potentially impacted by the Project, including ensuring capacity funding is made available as soon as possible to support participation. Furthermore, in the comment period on the Initial Project Description, several Indigenous Nations and communities raised concerns about process timelines. As Energy Alberta has been advised, only the proponent may suspend this time limit at this point in the process ([Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations](#)) and it is expected that Energy Alberta will work with Indigenous Nations and communities to address these and other concerns raised.



IAAC and the CNSC expect Energy Alberta to continue working with Indigenous Nations and communities on this Project to meet the requirements that will be set out in the Integrated Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss the guidance documents listed above, please don't hesitate to reach out to Joe Ronzio, Panel Manager, at <Contact information removed> or Liane Chiblow, Consultation Manager, at <Contact information removed>.

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