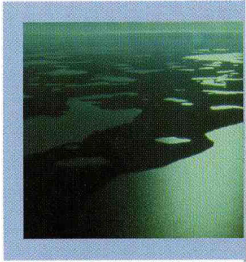


Environmental and Socio-economic Impact Assessments (EIA/SEIA)



The Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP) is currently in the Project Definition phase of the proposed project. During this phase, we are asking for community involvement in assessing potential environmental and socio-economic impacts associated with the project. Socio-economic impacts could include activities that affect lifestyle or create a change in community financial well-being. Environmental impacts could encompass any effects the project may have on the plants, animals, fish, water, soil or air of an area. Impacts may be positive, negative or neutral.

As part of applications to the regulatory bodies, the MGP must identify the project's potential environmental and socio-economic impacts and ways that we will deal with these impacts.

Why is community involvement important when conducting environmental and socio-economic impact assessments (EIA/SEIA)?

Your involvement gives us a community perspective that will help us address impacts associated with change and development. It also provides information on your community's needs and aspirations. We take this information into consideration when planning activities to manage and monitor impacts.

What will the MGP do as part of the EIA/SEIA process?

Between 2001 and 2002, we will:

- Collect baseline information that describes
 - the current environment (for example, existing plants, animals, animal movements, landscape, and water bodies)
 - traditional knowledge of regions affected by the project
 - communities potentially affected by the proposed pipeline.
- Review this information with affected communities and other interested organizations to ensure accuracy and to determine which environmental and socio-economic features are significant to them.
- Through these discussions, develop an understanding for why these features are significant from an individual community perspective, as well as from a regional perspective.
- Develop, with community input, ways we can effectively manage and monitor various impacts. For instance, the impact of pipeline construction on existing habitat can be managed by planting vegetation after the pipeline is completed and then monitoring growth.

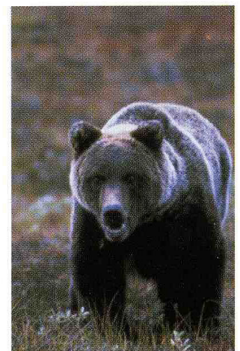
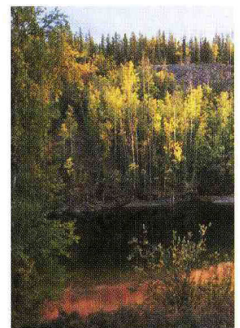


Will the MGP be hiring local people to carry out some of the EIA/SEIA work?

Yes, our contractors have already hired local people to carry out some of the environmental field studies required to collect baseline information. In future, the MGP will look at hiring local experts to carry out further environmental field studies, develop traditional knowledge reports and coordinate consultation, including verifying information about each community.

How does MGP intend to engage the communities?

- We will set up a series of meetings with community representatives and other potentially affected parties to first develop the scope of the EIA/SEIA discussion and identify issues of interest to each community.
- We will then hold meetings with groups of interested parties to discuss key community issues from a regional outlook. Participants in these meetings will include aboriginal leaders, government agencies, settlement area regulators, renewable resources committees and others.
- We will involve community and other representatives in reviewing EIA/SEIA reports.



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