



Canadian Environmental
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Federal Review Panel Process Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

Port Metro Vancouver Technical Working Group Meeting
February 25, 2014



Federal Environmental Assessment Required

- Project description accepted by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (Agency)
- Comments invited on the project description
- Agency determined a federal environmental assessment is required
- Comments invited on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines



Referral to Review Panel

- Project referred to review panel due to potential for significant adverse environmental effects and public concerns in relation to those effects
- Federal Minister of the Environment (Minister) set timelines for the process
 - pre-panel – 5 months
 - panel – 14 months
 - Minister's decision – 5 months
- EIS Guidelines issued to the proponent



Participant Funding Program

- Program to help the public and Aboriginal groups participate in the federal environmental assessment
 - Review and provide comments on the draft Panel terms of reference
 - Review and comment on the EIS
 - Participate in the public hearing
- To apply, email PFP.PAFP@ceaa-acee.gc.ca or call 1-866-582-1884.
- The application form is available online
- Deadline is March 7, 2014



Pre-Panel Stage Environmental Impact Statement

- Proponent submits EIS
- Agency reviews EIS for conformity to the Guidelines
 - Comments invited on conformity of EIS
 - Additional information requested of and provided by the proponent if necessary
- Agency determines when EIS is complete



Pre-Panel Stage Terms of Reference

- Agency drafts terms of reference for Panel
- Comments invited on the draft terms of reference
- Minister issues final terms of reference



Panel Stage Panel Appointment

- Minister appoints Panel
- Panel composition:
 - Likely to be 3 members
 - Members must be unbiased and free from conflict of interest
 - Members must have knowledge or experience relevant to the project's anticipated environmental effects



Panel Stage Panel Mandate

- Conduct an environmental assessment of the project
- Ensure information that it uses is made available to the public
- Hold a public hearing
- Prepare an environmental assessment report
- Submit report to Minister
- On the Minister's request, clarify any conclusions and recommendations in its report



Panel Stage EIS Review

- Panel will likely invite comments on the sufficiency of the information to proceed to public hearing
- Could request additional information
- Panel will determine sufficiency of EIS



Panel Stage Public Hearing

Objectives of a public hearing are to provide opportunities for:

- The Panel to receive information that will help it complete its assessment of the environmental effects of the proposed project;
- The public, government agencies, and Aboriginal groups to provide their views on the potential effects of the proposed project; and
- The proponent to explain the project and respond to concerns and questions raised by interested parties during the hearing



Panel Stage Environmental Assessment Report

- The Panel Report must:
 - Set out the Panel's rational, conclusions and recommendations, including mitigation measures and follow-up program
 - Include summary of any comments received from the public, including interested parties
- Submitted to the Minister
- Made publicly available



Post-Panel Stage environmental assessment Decision Statement

- Minister to make decision after consideration of the Panel Report
- Has the authority to issue a decision statement indicating that a project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects
- Should the Minister determine that a project is likely to cause significant environmental effects, the project is referred to Governor in Council to determine whether the effects are justified in the circumstances



Aboriginal Consultation

Pre-Panel, Panel and Post-Panel stages:

- Information about land and resource use by Aboriginal people is an important part of the environmental assessment
- The Crown will integrate consultation with Aboriginal people into the environmental assessment process to the extent possible
- At this point in the process the EIS Guidelines have requirements for information to be collected about potential project impacts to Aboriginal people



How to Participate

- Provide comments to the Agency
 - Panel terms of reference
 - EIS conformity with the Guidelines
- Provide information or advice to the Panel
- Participate in the public hearing
- Stay informed by visiting the on-line registry on a periodic basis at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca
- Join our email distribution list by sending a message to RobertsBank@ceaa-acee.gc.ca



Questions?

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