



Roles and responsibilities

Some organizations, like government departments, may have more than one role in an environmental assessment. Because of this, the Review Board clarifies the roles and responsibilities of those participating in an environmental assessment. The participants of an environmental assessment typically are:

- **The developer:** The developer is the organization that is proposing the development. They are expected to respond in a timely manner to directions

and requests issued by the Review Board, such as information requests, requests for translations and requests for their presence at public hearings.

- **Registered parties:** Registered parties is a very broad term as it encompasses many kinds of groups, such as aboriginal groups, communities, or land owners that may potentially be affected by the development. They could also be public interest group or non-governmental organization.



Member of
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As a registered party, these individuals or organizations may present information at hearings and throughout the environmental assessment and may be given an opportunity to submit information requests for the Review Board to consider. To become a registered party, the organization or individual must apply for party status from the Review Board.

Tools

For more information on roles and responsibilities see sections 3 and 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines. Go to: reviewboard.ca/reference_lib.



- **Members of the public:** These are individuals who are not registered as a party but participate at various points in the process.
- **Government bodies:** Government bodies is a term used to include regulatory authorities, responsible ministers, and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. They may be involved to provide expert advice, or as the final decision maker. The role that each of these groups has during the environmental assessment is included in the workplan and the Review Board's guidelines. Some organizations, like government departments, may have more than one role in an environmental assessment. However, regardless of the particular role, the Review Board will consider and weigh all relevant submissions it receives.