



Request for Ruling

Any issue raised by a party to an environmental assessment that requires a ruling from the Review Board will be brought to the Review Board's attention through a written Request for Ruling. A ruling is made when those involved in the environmental assessment cannot come to an agreement, so they ask the Review Board to make a ruling or a decision for them. For a Request for Ruling to occur:

- A request will be submitted in writing and will include a clear and concise statement, what kind of decision the participants are looking for and why the ruling should be granted.
- All Requests for Rulings are submitted to the Executive Director who will ensure that a copy is given to the parties no later than ten days before the Review Board plans to consider the Request for Ruling so that the parties have time to respond.

- Parties will provide a written response and supporting documents to the Executive Director at least 3 days before the Request for Ruling is scheduled to be heard by the Review Board. The Executive Director will ensure that all parties are provided with any responses provided to the Review Board at least two business days before the Review Board considers the Request for Ruling.

The Review Board may vary the time period allowed for the filing and hearing of a Request for Ruling. Also, the decision making process for a Request for a Ruling may include an oral hearing and where parties may participate via teleconference. Some typical requests for ruling involve decisions on whether certain development activities should be included or excluded from an environmental assessment.

Tools

The Review Board's Rules of Procedure have the request for ruling form included and can be found online at reviewboard.ca/reference_lib/

