

Technical Reports

Who:

Parties to the environmental assessment (EA)

What:

Technical reports are the final report that parties submit to the Review Board before the hearing. This report contains the party's views on the likelihood that the proposed development will cause significant environmental, social, economic, or cultural impacts. This report is the basis for the party's presentation at the final public hearing. Parties must submit their technical reports to the Review Board in advance of the hearing. The Review Board will set a deadline when the date of the hearing is set.

Only parties submit technical reports, but any member of the public can submit written comments to the Board during the EA. Members of the public can also make oral presentations at the hearing. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation should advise the Executive Director or the designated staff person on the day of the hearing, or earlier.

How to prepare a technical report:

- Start by giving an introduction of yourself. Let us know who you are and what it is that you or your organization does.
- Be specific about the impacts that concern you. For instance, focus on three main points that you would like to make. For each point, tell the Review Board:
 - what part of the development you think it will affect:
 - what part of the environment it will affect: and
 - how this will all happen.
- If you disagree with the developer's predictions, say which prediction, why you think it is wrong and recommend what you would do if you were on the Review Board. For example, you can explain what measures you would require and what decision you would reach. Although it is discouraged to raise an issue for the first time late in the process, if you need to, please explain why you didn't raised the issue earlier.

Tools

The technical reports for a particular assessment can be found on the Review Board public registry. Go to reviewboard.ca/registry/ and fill out the developer, project and select technical reports or public hearing stage in the search engine fields.