

EA1213-02 – Mackenzie Valley Highway Project
Government of the Northwest Territories

Updated Draft Workplan – January 30, 2024

This draft workplan describes the process steps for EA1213-02. This environmental assessment started before legislated timelines came into force on March 25, 2014. Since March 25, 2014, the Review Board has spent 78 days of its time on comments and revisions to a draft Terms of Reference (in response to significant changes to the project by the developer) and 40 days on a conformity determination of the *Developer’s Assessment Report*.

In the table below:

- Process steps that are complete include the total days (Review Board or developer) and the end date is shaded in grey.
- Process steps that are on Review Board time are shaded in green.
- Process steps on developer time are shaded in orange.
- Future process steps include approximate deadlines or end dates that are subject to the timing of the developer’s responses.

EA Phase	Process Step	Date	
Scoping	Referral to environmental assessment	Feb 8, 2013	
	Deadline for party status applications	Apr 19, 2013	
	Review Board Reasons for Decision on party status	May 31, 2013	
	Party comment on issues scoping	Jun 28, 2013	
	In-person scoping meetings	Pehdzeh Ki (Wrigley)	Sep 9, 2013
		Tulita	Sep 10, 2013
		Fort Good Hope	Sep 11, 2013
		Inuvik	Sep 17, 2013
		Norman Wells	Sep 18, 2013
	Developer submits draft <i>Terms of Reference</i> (TOR)	Sep 30, 2013	
	Review Board issues draft TOR	Nov 25, 2013	
	Comments from parties and developer on draft TOR	Dec 10, 2013	
	Review Board issues final TOR	Dec 23, 2013	
	Developer prepares a revised project description	Aug 29, 2014	
	Developer prepares a draft TOR	Nov 27, 2014	
	Parties comment on the draft TOR	Jan 23, 2015	
Review Board issues final TOR	Feb 13, 2015		

Analytical	Developer submits the <i>Developer's Assessment Report (DAR)</i>	Oct 12, 2023
	Review Board conformity determination	Nov 21, 2023
	Public review of the DAR begins	
	Review Board engagement meetings	Jan-Feb, 2024
	Public review of the DAR ends	Feb 29, 2024
	Information requests (IRs) from Review Board (round 1)	Early March 2024
	Developer's responses to public review comments (from ORS)	March 29, 2024
	Developer's responses to Review Board IRs (round 1)	Apr 15, 2024
	Information requests from parties (round 1)	May 15, 2024
	Developer's responses to parties' IRs (round 1)	Jun 30, 2024
	Technical sessions	Summer 2024
	Community sessions	Summer 2024
	Information requests from Review Board and parties (round 2)	Fall 2024
	Developer's responses to information requests (round 2)	Fall 2024
Developer submits revised DAR or DAR Addendums	Late 2024	
Hearing	Pre-hearing conference	Early 2025
	Deadline to apply for intervenor status	
	Interventions	
	Developer response to intervention	
	Public hearing preparation (Review Board, parties)	
	All interveners submit hearing presentations	
	Public hearings	
	Hearing undertakings (developer, parties)	
	Closing arguments from parties	
	Closing argument from developer	
	Closure of the public record	
Decision	Evidence analysis by the Review Board	Mid 2025
	Board deliberation and initial report drafting	
	Board, legal, and editorial reviews	
	Review Board issues Report of Environmental Assessment	
	Minister(s) responses to Report of Environmental Assessment	