

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

Updated Draft Workplan – November 29, 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 and parties have spent (in calendar days):

- 78 days on comments and revisions to a draft Terms of Reference (in response to significant changes to the project by the developer)
- 40 days on a conformity determination of the *Developer’s Assessment Report*
- 99 days on reviewing and commenting on the *Developer’s Assessment Report*
- 56 days on the first round of information requests
- 58 days on community and technical sessions

In the table below:

- Process steps that are complete are shaded in grey.
- Process steps that are on Review Board or party 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
		Tulít’a	Sep 10, 2013
		Rádeyılı Kó (Fort Good Hope)	Sep 11, 2013
		Inuvik	Sep 17, 2013
		Tłegóhłı (Norman Wells)	Sep 18, 2013
	Developer submits draft <i>Terms of Reference</i> (TOR)	Sep 30, 2013	
	Review Board issues draft <i>TOR</i>	Nov 25, 2013	
	Comments from parties and developer on draft <i>TOR</i>	Dec 10, 2013	
	Review Board issues final <i>TOR</i>	Dec 23, 2013	
Developer prepares a revised project description	Aug 29, 2014		

	Developer prepares a draft <i>TOR</i>	Nov 27, 2014
	Parties comment on the draft <i>TOR</i>	Jan 23, 2015
	Review Board issues final <i>TOR</i>	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
	Overarching Information requests (IRs) from Review Board	Mar 13, 2024
	Developer's responses to public review comments (from ORS)	Apr 19, 2024
	Developer's responses to Review Board Overarching IRs	Jun 19, 2024
	Information requests from Review Board (round 1)	Jul 15, 2024
	Information requests from parties (round 1)	Aug 14, 2024
	Developer's responses to Review Board and party IRs (round 1)	Oct 2, 2024
	Party responses to Review Board IRs (round 1)	Oct 2, 2024
	Community sessions Dehcho Communities the week of October 15 Sahtú Communities the week of October 21	Oct 16-23, 2024
	Technical sessions (in Yellowknife)	Nov 19-21, 2024
	Information requests from Review Board and parties (round 2)	Opens Dec 2, 2024 Closes Jan 17, 2025
	Developer's responses to information requests (round 2)	February 28, 2025
	Developer submits revised DAR or DAR Addendums	End of March
	Deadline to apply for intervenor status	
	Pre-hearing conference	
	Interventions	Early May
	Developer response to intervention	Early June
	Public hearing preparation (Review Board, parties)	
	All interveners submit hearing presentations	
	Public hearings	End of June
	Hearing undertakings (developer, parties)	
	Closing arguments from parties	Summer 2025
Closing argument from developer		
Closure of the public record		
Decision	Evidence analysis by the Review Board	Mid-Late 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	