



Notice: Update to Traditional Knowledge Guideline

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The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is updating its [Guideline for Incorporating Traditional Knowledge in Environmental Assessment](#) (the Guideline), first published in 2005.

Why this matters:

The Review Board's mandate is to consider impacts on people and protect the social, cultural, and economic well-being of Mackenzie Valley communities. Traditional Knowledge (TK) is central to this mandate. The Guideline ensures TK is considered respectfully and transparently alongside western science in environmental assessments, supporting meaningful Indigenous participation in Review Board processes and decisions.

What's changing:

Updates will reflect current Indigenous governance frameworks, knowledge sovereignty principles, and modern best practices—while continuing to fulfill our mandate.

Engagement and Consultation

As required by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* we will consult with communities across the Mackenzie Valley. Opportunities for input, discussion, and review will be shared throughout the process.

The Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley Land, who adopted the current Guideline, will be working with the Review Board on its update. We welcome this opportunity for greater collaboration.

Next Steps

We look forward to hearing from Indigenous governments and organizations on how to better integrate Traditional Knowledge into environmental assessment. More details on engagement opportunities and ways to participate will follow.

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