

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

Updated Draft Workplan – April 24, 2025

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
- 59 days on community and technical sessions
- 46 days on the second round of information requests

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	Pehdzéh Kí (Wrigley)	Sep 9, 2013
		Tulít’a	Sep 10, 2013
		Rádey ł 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 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		

<b>Analytical</b>	<b>Developer submits the <i>Developer's Assessment Report (DAR)</i></b>	<b>Oct 12, 2023</b>	
	Review Board conformity determination	Nov 21, 2023	
	<b>Public review of the DAR begins</b>		
	<b>Review Board engagement meetings</b>	<b>Jan-Feb, 2024</b>	
	<b>Public review of the DAR ends</b>	<b>Feb 29, 2024</b>	
	<b>Overarching Information requests (IRs) from Review Board</b>	<b>Mar 13, 2024</b>	
	Developer's responses to public review comments (from ORS)	Apr 19, 2024	
	Developer's responses to Review Board Overarching IRs	Jun 19, 2024	
	<b>Information requests from Review Board (round 1)</b>	<b>Jul 15, 2024</b>	
	<b>Information requests from parties (round 1)</b>	<b>Aug 14, 2024</b>	
	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	
	<b>Community sessions</b>	Pehdzéh Kí (Wrigley)	<b>Oct 17, 2024</b>
		Tłegóhtł (Norman Wells)	<b>Oct 21, 2024</b>
		Délinę	<b>Oct 22, 2024</b>
		Tulít'a	<b>Oct 23, 2024</b>
		Rádeyılł Kó (Fort Good Hope)	<b>Apr 9, 2025</b>
	<b>Technical sessions (in Yellowknife)</b>	<b>Nov 19-21, 2024</b>	
	<b>Information requests from Review Board and parties (round 2)</b>	Opens Dec 2, 2024 Closes Jan 17, 2025	
	Developer's responses to information requests (round 2)	February 28, 2025	
	<b>Developer submits revised DAR or DAR Addendums</b>	<b>Mid-June, 2025</b>	
	<b>Developer submits remaining round 2 IR responses</b>	<b>Mid-June, 2025</b>	
	Deadline to apply for intervenor status	*	
	<b>Pre-hearing conference</b>		
	<b>Interventions</b>		
	<b>Developer responds to interventions</b>		
Public hearing preparation (Review Board, parties)			
All interveners submit hearing presentations			
<b>Public hearings</b>			
Hearing undertakings (developer, parties)			
<b>Closing arguments from parties</b>			
<b>Closing argument from developer</b>			
Closure of the public record			
<b>Decision</b>	Evidence analysis by the Review Board		
	Board deliberation and initial report drafting		
	Board, legal, and editorial reviews		
	<b>Review Board issues Report of Environmental Assessment</b>		
	Minister(s) responses to Report of Environmental Assessment		

\*Dates from this point onward will depend on receipt of all relevant materials to allow the Review Board to enter the hearing phase.

