

The Review

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Your link to the review of the Mackenzie Gas Project

The monthly [Northern Gas Project Secretariat](#) newsletter is designed to update the public on the various developments related to the environmental assessment and regulatory review of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW

On October 7, 2004 the Joint Review Panel received the Environmental Impact Statement of the Mackenzie Gas Project.

A seven person Joint Review Panel was appointed on August 18, 2004 to conduct an independent public review of this project.

The Joint Review Panel will begin its technical analysis of the Mackenzie Gas Project once it has determined that the Environmental Impact Statement (October 7, 2004) conforms with the Terms of Reference set out in the August 2004 [Environmental Impact Statement Terms of Reference](#) document.

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What is the National Energy Board's review process?

The National Energy Board (Board) has received applications from Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited to construct and operate the Mackenzie Gas Project.

The Board is in the process of determining if the applications are complete and ready to go to a public hearing. Upon determining that the applications are complete, the Board will issue a Hearing Order that will describe the hearing process and provide details on how to participate.

The hearing process is being coordinated with the Joint Review Panel's hearings on the Mackenzie Gas Project. Administrative support is being provided by the Northern Gas Project Secretariat.

The Board will examine the safety, engineering and economic aspects of the Mackenzie Gas Project.

The National Energy Board will rely on the Joint Review Panel process for the environmental assessment of the project.

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Applications for the Mackenzie Gas Project

The review is to focus on the environmental and socio-economic effects associated with the Proponent's proposal. The Joint Review Panel will take into consideration a number of factors, as outlined in the [Joint Review Panel Agreement](#), in assessing the impacts of the proposed project.

The Panel review process is designed to allow for comprehensive and transparent public involvement. The Joint Review Panel has published its [Rules of Procedure](#), which are intended to assist all those wishing to participate in the review by providing information on how the Panel plans to conduct its review and by outlining the review steps the Panel intends to follow. The Rules of Procedure have been posted to the Secretariat's website.

At any time throughout the review, contact can be made with the Joint Review Panel through the Joint Review Panel manager, who can be reached at the following address and phone number:

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Suite 302, 125 Mackenzie Road, Inuvik NT X0E 0T0
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If you wish to receive further information on the environmental review process of the Mackenzie Gas Project, please provide your detailed contact information to the Joint Review Panel Manager.

Please note: Information on how to apply for Intervener status will be made available at a later date. ▣

The National Energy Board will then make a decision on whether the pipeline project can be approved. The Board's decision will be in keeping with the Canadian Public Interest. This public interest includes all Canadians and refers to a balance of economic, environmental and social interests.

Through the public hearing process, the Board will obtain the evidence and views of interested persons on the application. The public hearing process is designed to facilitate public participation and ensure the interests of fairness and efficiency. Any person interested in participating should contact the Secretariat or the National Energy Board for information on how to do so.

Information on the Board's review of the Mackenzie Gas Project is available at:

- Northern Gas Project Secretariat http://www.ngps.nt.ca/index_e.html
- National Energy Board http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/NorthOffshore/index_e.htm

Please note: Information on how to participate will be provided in the National Energy Board's Hearing Order, to be issued at a later date. ▣

The Northern Gas Project Secretariat in the community



Secretariat staff spent many hours at trade shows during the summer helping people understand the review process of the Mackenzie Gas project and how they can participate and express their comments.

Community Relations and Logistics Manager Bob Turner was in Hay River in August for the Great Northwest Trade Show (left). Staff were also at the popular Prospects North show in Yellowknife Sept 14-16. ■



Bob Turner creates some levity during a meeting with representatives from the Deline Community Land and Financial Corporation during a recent tour of the Sahtu. The tour is part of on-going efforts by the Secretariat to provide information related to the review process of the Mackenzie Gas Project.

From left are: Leroy Andre, Danny Gaudet, Bob Turner and Steve Taniton. ■

At right is an existing staging area in the Mackenzie Delta.

Proponents for the Mackenzie Gas Project are proposing three onshore natural gas fields in the Delta area - Taglu, Parsons Lake and Niglintgak – for which separate Development Plans Applications are filed with the National Energy Board.





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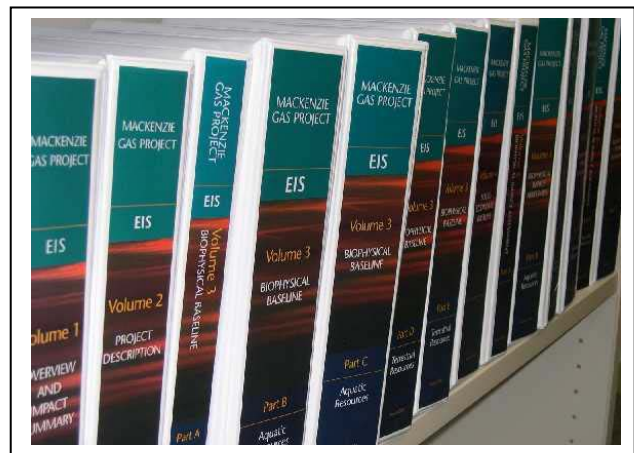
Come visit our offices

Locations in Inuvik and Yellowknife

The offices of the Northern Gas Project Secretariat are open to the public who are interested in the review of the Mackenzie Gas Project.

The recent filing of the project applications and submission of the Environmental Impact Statement formalized the beginning of the official registry of public documents submitted to the panels conducting the environmental and regulatory reviews of the project.

Within our offices, the Secretariat maintains a copy of these documents.



Environmental Impact Statement

The Public Registry currently includes:

- Applications documents
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Correspondence from the Joint Review Panel
- Correspondence from Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd.
- Letters of comment

All these documents are available for the public to view and research, however they are unable to be removed from the office registry. Our offices each have a public computer station, with Internet connection and printer, for use in researching the Mackenzie Gas Project. Staff is also available to answer questions.

The registry will be updated on an on-going basis and will be searchable on the Secretariat's website. For more information, contact the Secretariat or visit our website at www.ngps.nt.ca.

