

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act — an overview

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The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act sets out in legislation an environmental assessment process for all projects for which the federal government is a regulator, source of funding, land administrator, or proponent. The Act was given Royal Assent in June, 1992, and came into effect in January, 1995. This presentation provides an overview of the Act including its purpose and how the federal environmental assessment process is "triggered".

It addresses key federal environmental assessment requirements and responsibilities. The various types of environmental assessments, including screening, comprehensive study, mediation, and panel review are discussed with emphasis on comprehensive study and panel review. Examples of select mining projects are highlighted.