

Public Notice

Eastmain-1-A and Rupert Diversion Project Panel Review

Deadline for Participant Funding Applications

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has established a Participant Funding Program that will provide up to \$200,000 to help the public take part in the panel review of the Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project. Funding will be available in two phases.

Phase I: Up to \$50,000 will be provided for reviewing the draft directives which will guide the proponents in preparing their impact statement of the project. Applications for funding for first phase activities must be received at the Agency no later than April 11, 2003, in order to be considered.

Phase II: Up to \$150,000 will be available for reviewing the impact statement, along with preparing for and participating in the public hearings. The impact statement will serve as the basis for the panel's review of the project. The deadline for application for the second phase will be announced at a later date.

A funding review committee, independent from the review panel, will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to the eligibility criteria set out in the [Guide to the Participant Funding Program](#). The Guide also provides further information on who is eligible to apply for funds, and what types of expenses can be considered for reimbursement.

Information on the Program, including the Guide to the Participant Funding Program, the [application form](#) and the [contribution agreement](#), as well as information on the panel review process of the project, can be found on the Agency Web site.

The Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project is a proposal by Hydro-Québec and its affiliate, the *Société d'énergie de la Baie James*, which consists in redirecting some of the waters (up to 800m³/s) from the Rupert River watershed into the Eastmain watershed, to build the Eastmain-1-A powerhouse (up to 770 MV) on Eastmain 1 reservoir and to add structures at the Sarcelle site, at the outlet of the Opinaca reservoir. The project calls for the construction of four dams, 51 dikes, two diversion bays flooding an area of 395 km², 12,000 m of diversion channels or tunnel, and two permanent access roads. These facilities are located in northwestern Quebec, east of James Bay.

Additional information on the project is available at: www.hydroquebec.com/sebj.

To submit a completed application form or to obtain further information on the Program, please contact:

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