

Public Notice

Impact assessment and review of the Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project

Public consultation - The Evaluating Committee, established under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA), and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency invite the public to examine the draft directives on the Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project, to participate in public consultation sessions and to provide comments on subjects to be included in the final directives. The directives explain for the proponents, Hydro-Québec and its affiliate, the *Société de l'énergie de la Baie James*, the nature, scope and extent of the impact statement they have to prepare.

The first public consultation session on the draft directives will take place on May 28, 2003 in the Dom Polski Room at 1956 Frontenac Street, Montréal, tel. (514) 524-3116 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Other consultation sessions will also be held in Mistissini on June 3, in Waskaganish on June 4, in Chibougamau on June 5, in Nemaska on June 10, and in Chisasibi on June 11, 2003.

In order to schedule the public consultation sessions more efficiently, we would like to be informed in advance if you are planning to make an oral presentation of your comments on the directives. To inform us, please dial (418) 521-3933, extension 7255.

The Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project is subject to two impact assessment and review processes: the provincial environmental and social protection regime under the JBNQA and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The draft directives, as well as information related to the project and the impact assessment and review processes, are available at the following locations and Web sites:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
200 Sacré-Coeur Blvd.
13th Floor, Fontaine Building
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Web site: www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Quebec Regional Office
1141 route de l'Église
P.O.Box 9514
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Ministère de l'Environnement
Direction des évaluations environnementales
675 René-Lévesque Blvd. East
6th Floor, Marie-Guyart Building
Québec QC G1R 5V7
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Web site: www.menv.gouv.qc.ca

Offices of the Ministère de l'Environnement in the cities of Montréal (514-873-3636), Québec (418-644-8844) and Rouyn-Noranda (819-763-3333), as well as those of the Société de la faune et des parcs du Québec (FAPAQ) in Chibougamau (418-748-7701), Matagami (819-739-2111) and Radisson (819-638-6074).

Written comments from the public must be received by the COMEV Secretariat or by the Agency no later than July 8, 2003 at one of the following addresses:

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Additional information about the Eastmain-1-A and Rupert diversion project is available on the proponents' Web site at:
www.hydroquebec.com/eastmain1a/en