

Major Projects Management Office

Achieving Results



Canada

The Government of Canada is committed to improving the performance of the regulatory review system for major resource projects as a means to ensuring Canada's competitiveness, prosperity and environmental sustainability.

To support these commitments, the Major Projects Management Office (MPMO) was established in February 2008. The MPMO's mandate is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the federal regulatory review process for individual resource projects and also to drive ongoing system-wide improvements to the regulatory system in Canada.

Working in collaboration with other departments and agencies, the MPMO provides overarching project management and accountability for the federal regulatory review of major resource projects and serves as a single window into the review process for project proponents and stakeholders.



Improving the federal regulatory review process for major resource projects

Since the creation of the MPMO, a growing portfolio of major resource projects has benefited from a suite of system-wide improvements.

Greater senior-level accountability and oversight across federal departments and agencies

- Project agreements signed by Deputy Heads include target timelines for the review of each major project.
- A committee of Deputy Heads provides executive oversight of project reviews.

A clearer and more consistent federal review process

- Early and ongoing engagement with proponents and stakeholders ensures that federal roles and responsibilities are clearly communicated.
- A new *Project Description Guide* clearly outlines federal information requirements.

Effective project management and issue resolution

- A team of MPMO project managers coordinates the work of federal departments and agencies.
- New management controls ensure timely resolution of issues so that project reviews remain on track.

Enhanced predictability and transparency

- New service standards reduce the average review timeframe by half and result in a more predictable review process.
- The *MPMO Tracker* – an online project tracking tool – allows the public and stakeholders to monitor each project review, from start to finish.

A “whole-of-Government” approach to Aboriginal consultations

- New, more effective approaches to Aboriginal consultations are being used. Consultations have a federal coordinator and work plans that outline the roles and responsibilities of all federal departments and agencies.

Greater protection for the environment

- A \$150 million Government investment in additional capacity and expertise ensures that regulatory departments are better able to administer high-quality review processes, and federal decisions about projects safeguard the environment and promote sustainability.



Focused leadership to drive ongoing, system-wide improvement

- The MPMO continues to work with federal and provincial/territorial regulators to explore opportunities to improve the way in which environmental assessment, regulatory decision-making and Aboriginal consultations are conducted for major projects.

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