

# Environmental Assessment Process

## CONTRECOEUR PORT TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT

November 2020

### 1 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- Following the public comment period from December 3 to 23, 2015 on the project description, the Agency determined that an environmental assessment is required.

### 3 PARTICIPANT FUNDING PROGRAM

- The Agency announced the availability of federal funding on February 23, 2017.
- The Agency announced the allocation of federal funding to assist in the participation of the EA on July 21, 2017.

### 5 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

- The Agency presented the draft EA Report and potential conditions on November 18, 2020.
- The Agency announced a public consultation period on the draft EA Report and potential conditions from November 18 to December 18, 2020.
- The Agency also held virtual information sessions from December 2 to 3, 2020.
- The Agency will finalize the EA Report.

### 2 START OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- The Agency posted the notice of commencement of an EA on January 15, 2016.
- The Agency announced a public comment period on the draft EIS Guidelines from January 15 to February 15, 2016.
- The Agency issued the final EIS Guidelines to the proponent on March 10, 2016.

### 4 REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- The proponent submitted its EIS on December 22, 2017.
- The Agency reviewed the proponent's EIS and announced a public comment period on the summary of the EIS from February 7 to March 1, 2018.

### 6 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION

- The Minister will determine whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.
- If adverse effect are deemed significant, the governor in council will decide whether the project may proceed.
- The Minister will issue an EA Decision Statement for the project. Legally binding conditions will be included if the project is allowed to proceed.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, an environmental assessment is a process to predict the adverse environmental effects of proposed initiatives before they are carried out. An environmental assessment:

- identifies potential adverse environmental effects;
- proposes measures to mitigate those adverse environmental effects;
- predicts whether there will be significant adverse environmental effects even after the mitigation measures are implemented; and
- includes follow-up programs to verify that the environmental assessment was accurate or the mitigation measures were effective.

### 2. HOW CAN THE PUBLIC AND INDIGENOUS GROUPS PARTICIPATE?

On November 18, 2020, the Agency invited the public and Indigenous groups to present their written comments until December 18, 2020, on the Agency's draft environmental assessment report and potential conditions. This is the fourth and final public consultation period on this project's environmental assessment.

### 3. WHAT IS THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT?

The draft environmental assessment report is a document that presents the Agency's conclusions and recommendations on the potential environmental effects of the project and their significance, the proposed mitigation measures and the follow-up program.

The Agency has also prepared the potential environmental assessment conditions. The final conditions will become legally-binding on the proponent if the Minister of Environment and Climate Change decides the project can proceed.

### 4. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Following the public comment period on the draft environmental assessment report, the Agency will finalize the report and the recommended conditions, taking into consideration comments received from the public and Indigenous groups during the final consultation period. The final version will include a summary of comments received and changes to the draft report.

The final environmental assessment report will be presented to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, who will determine if the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

