

**PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**FOR THE**

**ENCANA FCCL OIL SANDS LTD.**

**CHRISTINA LAKE THERMAL EXPANSION PROJECT,**  
**PHASE E, F AND G**

**Approximately 150 km South of Fort McMurray, Alberta**

**PROPOSED BY: ENCANA FCCL OIL SANDS LTD**

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## **PURPOSE OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The purpose of this document is to identify for EnCana FCCL Oil Sands Ltd. (EnCana FCCL), aboriginal communities and appropriate stakeholders the information required by government agencies for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report prepared under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) for the Christina Lake Thermal Expansion Project, Phases 1E, 1F and 1G (the Project).

EnCana plans to develop its commercial-scale bitumen production project on its Oil Sands Development Leases located in Townships 75 and 76, Ranges 5 and 6, W4M, in the area south of Christina Lake, Alberta. The Project will be based on steam assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) thermal technology. EnCana, FCCL Oil Sands Ltd. has been developing and operating its Christina Lake Thermal Project in phases since receiving approvals in 2000. The facility currently produces approximately 14,000 barrels per day (bbl/d) and is approved up to phase D (98,800 bbl/d). We are seeking regulatory approval for a proposed expansion, phases 1E, 1F and 1G, that would take production to 218,800 bbl/d over the next decade. This expansion will continue to use steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) thermal oil recovery technology to recover the bitumen (thick oil).

## **SCOPE OF THE EIA REPORT**

EnCana FCCL will prepare and submit an EIA report that examines the environmental and socio-economic effects of the Project.

The EIA report shall be prepared with consideration to all applicable provincial and federal legislation, codes of practice, guidelines, standards and directives. EnCana FCCL shall identify the legislation, policies, approvals, and current multi-stakeholder planning initiatives applicable to the Project.

The EIA report shall be prepared in accordance with these Terms of Reference and the environmental information requirements prescribed under EPEA and associated regulations, and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The EIA report will form part of EnCana FCCL' application to the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB). An EIA report summary will also be included as part of the ERCB Application.

The EIA report will include a glossary of terms and a list of abbreviations to assist the reader in understanding the material presented. It will also include concordance tables that cross-reference the EIA report to the sub-section level (lower case letters) of the Terms of Reference.

EnCana FCCL will prepare a summary of the EIA report that will provide the reader with sufficient information to obtain a general understanding of the Project and its potential positive and negative effects. The summary report shall be a stand-alone document; however, it can reference more detailed information presented in the EIA report itself.

- [A] The summary report shall provide an overview of the EIA report including:
- a) the Project components and development activities which have the potential to affect the environment;
  - b) existing conditions in the Study Area, including existing uses of lands, resources and other activities which have potential in combination with proposed development activities, to affect the environment;
  - c) the environmental, cultural, and socio-economic impacts of the Project including the regional, temporal, and cumulative effects which are anticipated;
  - d) impact significance in terms of magnitude, extent, duration, frequency, and reversibility;
  - e) residual effects; and
  - f) an overview of modeling techniques used.

The summary report shall include suitable maps, charts and other illustrations to identify the components of the Project, the existing conditions, and the environmental and socio-economic implications of the development.

## **CONTENT OF THE EIA REPORT**

### **1 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION**

- [A] Document the public engagement program implemented for the Project including:
- a) documentation of individual participation and attendance at each meeting, including a record of specific comments or issues raised at the meetings;
  - b) description and documentation of concerns and issues expressed by the public, EnCana FCCL analysis of those concerns and issues, and the actions taken to address those concerns and issues; and
  - c) how public input was incorporated into the Project development, impact mitigation and monitoring plans.
- [B] Document the aboriginal consultation program implemented for the Project including:
- a) documentation of individual participation and attendance at each meeting, including a record of specific comments or issues raised at the meetings;
  - b) description and documentation of concerns and issues expressed by aboriginal communities and groups EnCana FCCL analysis of those concerns and issues, and the actions taken to address those concerns and issues;
  - c) how aboriginal input was incorporated into the Project development, impact mitigation and monitoring plans; and
  - d) consultation undertaken with aboriginal communities and groups with respect to traditional ecological knowledge and traditional use of land.
- [C] Describe plans to maintain the public engagement and aboriginal consultation process following completion of the EIA report review to ensure that the public and aboriginal peoples will have an appropriate forum for expressing their views on the ongoing development, operation and reclamation of the Project.

### **2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

#### **2.1 THE PROPONENT**

- [A] Provide:
- a) a corporate profile; and
  - b) the name of the legal entity that will develop, manage and operate the Project and hold the operating approvals.
- [B] Describe EnCana FCCL and its history in Alberta's oil and gas industry, with specific reference to existing petroleum developments, proposed developments, resource characterization and environmental studies.

#### **2.2 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

- [A] Provide a development plan that includes:
- a) the phases of development;
  - b) bitumen/heavy oil recovery facilities;
  - c) processing facilities;
  - d) steam and/or power generation facilities;
  - e) infrastructure (pipelines, access roads and power lines);
  - f) other buildings and structures;
  - g) field maintenance operations; and
  - h) activities associated with construction, operation, decommissioning and reclamation.

[B] Provide a schedule outlining the proposed phases of development and the sequence and duration of key project components, including the timing of key steps in the construction, operation, decommissioning and reclamation stages of each phase.

[C] Discuss the key factors controlling the schedule, restrictions for conducting certain development activities, and uncertainties.

## **2.3 EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

### **2.3.1 Project Alternatives**

[A] Discuss the need for the Project including:

- a) any alternative means of carrying out the Project that are technically and economically feasible and where applicable indicate their potential environmental effects and impacts;
- b) a comparison of identified alternatives to the Project or components of the Project and the anticipated effects and impacts of the alternatives. Discuss how environmental, socio-economic and traditional use criteria influenced the selection of the proposed alternatives. Discuss reasons for not selecting any identified alternatives;
- c) implications resulting from a delay in proceeding with the Project, or any phase of the Project; and
- d) potential cooperative development opportunities (e.g., shared infrastructure).

[B] Discuss the implications of not going ahead with the Project.

### **2.3.2 Process and Infrastructure Alternatives**

[A] Describe the process and criteria used to select sites for facilities and infrastructure.

[B] Discuss the route or site selection criteria for any linear or other infrastructure development or modification and provide the rationale for selecting the proposed alignment and design.

[C] Discuss the options considered for supplying the thermal energy and electric power required for the Project and their environmental implications. Discuss the implications that alternate fuel sources may have on the selection of pollution abatement equipment or technologies.

[D] Describe the criteria and rationale for selecting the preferred water supply sources. Include options for using saline groundwater and the criteria used to assess the feasibility of its use.

[E] Discuss the potential for new or additional technology to increase resource recovery at later times in the field development and to affect the number of wells required.

[F] Discuss options and technologies considered for wastewater treatment, wastewater management and wastewater disposal and reasons, including water quality and environmental considerations for selecting the preferred options in the context of best management practices and best available technologies.

[G] Discuss options and technologies considered for air emission and air quality management and the evaluation of emission minimization options, including air emission control technology considerations, for selecting the preferred options in the context of best management practices and best available technologies.

[H] Discuss the waste disposal options. Discuss the strategy for on-site waste disposal versus off-site waste disposal and identify:

- a) the location of on-site waste disposal, including landfills, if applicable;
- b) the availability of off-site waste disposal facilities;
- c) site suitability from a groundwater protection perspective (provide geo-technical information to support the siting of disposal facilities); and
- d) site suitability with regard to existing and potential human activities in the area.

## 2.4 PROJECT PROCESSES AND FACILITIES

- [A] Provide maps and/or drawings of the Project components and activities including:
- existing infrastructure, leases and clearings, including exploration clearings;
  - proposed central processing/treatment and field facilities;
  - other buildings and infrastructure (pipelines and utilities);
  - temporary structures;
  - transportation and access routes;
  - on-site hydrocarbon storage;
  - containment structures such as retention ponds and storage ponds (e.g., lime sludge, stormwater runoff, boiler blow-down);
  - water wells/intakes, pipelines, and storage structures;
  - sources of aggregate resources, borrow material and other construction material and locations of any stockpiles that will be developed; and
  - waste storage area and disposal sites.
- [B] Provide a list of facilities for which locations will be determined later.
- [C] Describe the primary resource recovery process, any proposed follow-up recovery process and other related processes and process facilities of the Project.
- [D] Discuss the amount and source of energy required for the Project.
- [E] Describe the proposed method to transport product to markets.
- [F] Provide a listing of chemical products to be manufactured, processed or otherwise used for the Project and describe, in general terms, how these products will be stored and managed. Identify products containing substances that are:
- Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, 1999 toxics;
  - listed on the National Pollutant Release Inventory;
  - dangerous goods as defined by the federal *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act*; and
  - on the Domestic Substances List and categorized as requiring further assessment under Canada's Chemicals Management Plan.
- [G] Describe the nature and amount of on-site hydrocarbon storage. Discuss containment and other environmental protection measures.

## 2.5 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- [A] Provide the results of consultation with Alberta Transportation and discussions with other industry operators. Discuss the need to upgrade existing roads including the project access road/Highway 63 intersection or the construction of new roads.
- [B] Provide a summary of any Traffic Impact Assessment carried out for the Project, or where no Traffic Impact Assessment has been prepared:
- describe the anticipated changes to traffic (e.g., type, volume) on highways during the life of the Project. Consider other existing and planned uses of the same highways; and
  - identify needs to upgrade existing roads and intersections or construct new roads.
- [C] Describe access corridors needed and/or planned by other resource stakeholders including those responsible for Forest Management Areas and other timber quota holders. Describe how their needs are accommodated to reduce overall environmental impact from resource development.
- [D] Describe and locate on maps the transportation infrastructure requirements for the Project and how they relate to local communities.

[E] Describe road access to and road development within the Project Area, and identify the type and location of road construction and reclamation materials, the volume of material needed and the availability of these materials.

[F] Indicate where Crown land dispositions may be needed for roads or other infrastructure for the Project.

[G] Describe crossings of watercourses or waterbodies required and provide example diagrams of each type of crossing. Discuss:

- a) timing,
- b) construction standards or methods, and
- c) environmental protection plans.

## **2.6 LAND MANAGEMENT**

[A] Provide a description and timing of land clearing activities.

[B] Provide a timber salvage plan, highlighting end users and identifying proposed volumes for removal (by species and year) for the life of the Project.

[C] Identify any access restrictions including where appropriate, measures taken to control access to the Project Area while ensuring continued access to adjacent wildland areas.

[D] Provide a fire control plan highlighting:

- a) measures taken to ensure continued access for firefighters to adjacent wildland areas;
- b) forest fire prevention, detection, reporting, and suppression measures, including proposed fire equipment;
- c) measures for determining the clearing width of power line rights-of-way; and
- d) required mitigative measures for areas adjacent to the Project Area based on the FireSmart Wildfire Assessment System.

## **2.7 AIR EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT**

[A] Provide emission profiles (type, rate and source) for the Project's operating emissions including point and non-point sources and fugitive emissions, and for construction emissions. Consider both normal and upset conditions. Discuss:

- a) odorous or visible emissions from the proposed facilities;
- b) annual and total greenhouse gas emissions for the life of the Project. Identify the primary sources and provide examples of calculations;
- c) the intensity of greenhouse gas emissions per unit of bitumen produced and discuss how it compares with similar projects;
- d) the Project's contribution to total provincial and national greenhouse gas emissions on an annual basis;
- e) EnCana FCCL overall greenhouse gas management plans;
- f) the amount and nature of Criteria Air Contaminant emissions;
- g) the amount and nature of acidifying emissions, probable deposition patterns and rates;
- h) control technologies used to minimize air emissions such as sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S), oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds (VOC), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), particulate matter (PM<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO) and ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>);
- i) emergency flaring scenarios (e.g., frequency and duration) and proposed measures to ensure flaring events are minimized;
- j) upset condition scenarios (e.g., frequency and duration) and proposed measures to ensure upset conditions are minimized;
- k) gas collection and conservation, and the applicability of vapour recovery technology;

- l) fugitive emissions control technology to detect, measure and control emissions and odours from equipment leaks; and
- m) the applicability of sulphur recovery, acid gas re-injection, or flue gas desulphurization to reduce sulphur emissions.

## **2.8 WATER RESOURCES**

[A] Discuss potential cooperation with other parties regarding water related infrastructure and management including, but not limited to, water intakes, pipelines, water storage and withdrawals, flow monitoring and reporting and ecological monitoring.

### **2.8.1 Water Supply**

- [A] Describe the water supply requirements for the Project, including:
- a) the expected water balance during the life of the Project. Discuss assumptions made or methods chosen to arrive at the water balances;
  - b) the process, potable and non-potable water requirements and sources for construction, start-up, normal and emergency operating situations, decommissioning and reclamation. Identify the volume of water to be withdrawn from each source, considering plans for wastewater reuse;
  - c) the variability in the amount of water required on an annual and seasonal basis as the Project is implemented;
  - d) the expected cumulative effects on water losses/gains due to the Project operations;
  - e) potable water treatment systems for the life of the Project;
  - f) type and quantity of potable water treatment chemicals used; and
  - g) measures for ensuring efficient use of water including alternatives to reduce the consumption of non-saline water such as water use minimization, recycling, conservation, and technological improvements.

### **2.8.2 Surface Water**

[A] Describe the surface water management strategy for the construction, operation, decommissioning and reclamation stages, including:

- a) design factors considered, such as:
  - i) site drainage,
  - ii) run-on management,
  - iii) road, well pad and plant run-off,
  - iv) erosion and sediment control,
  - v) groundwater and surface water protection,
  - vi) groundwater seepage,
  - vii) produced water management,
  - viii) flood protection, and
  - ix) geotechnical stability concerns; and
- b) permanent or temporary alterations or realignments of watercourses, wetlands and other waterbodies.

[B] Describe realignments of Crown bed and shore and proposed compensation.

[C] Provide results of the navigability assessment(s) for waterways that may be affected by the Project and a description of navigable waterways in the Study Area.

### **2.8.3 Wastewater Management**

- [A] Describe the wastewater management strategy, including:
- a) the source, quantity and composition of each wastewater stream from existing and proposed facilities;

- b) the proposed disposal locations and methods for each wastewater stream, and the measures taken to prevent impacts on potable groundwater, aquatic ecosystems and vegetation;
- c) formations for the disposal of wastewaters;
- d) design of facilities that will collect, treat, store and release wastewater streams;
- e) type and quantity of chemicals used in wastewater treatment; and
- f) sewage treatment and disposal.

## **2.9 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

[A] Characterize and quantify the anticipated dangerous goods, and hazardous, non-hazardous, and recyclable wastes generated by the Project, and:

- a) describe the composition and volume of specific waste streams and discuss how each stream will be managed;
- b) identify the amount of drilling wastes and the options considered for disposal and the option(s) chosen;
- c) describe how the disposal sites and sumps will be constructed; and
- d) describe plans for pollution prevention, waste minimization, recycling, and management to reduce waste quantities over the life of the Project.

## **2.10 CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION**

[A] Provide a conceptual conservation and reclamation plan for the Project with consideration to:

- a) any existing Conservation and Reclamation Plan;
- b) pre-development information with respect to land capability, vegetation, commercial forest land base by commercialism class, forest productivity, recreation, wildlife, aquatic resources, aesthetics, traditional land uses and land use resources;
- c) integration of operations, decommissioning, reclamation planning and reclamation activities. Discuss anticipated timeframes for completion of reclamation stages and release of lands back to the Crown including an outline of the key milestone dates for reclamation and how progress to achieve these targets will be measured;
- d) constraints to reclamation such as timing of activities, availability of reclamation materials and influence of natural processes and cycles including natural disturbance regimes;
- e) post-development land capability with respect to:
  - i) self-sustaining topography, drainage and surface watercourses representative of the surrounding area,
  - ii) pre-development traditional use with consideration for traditional vegetation and wildlife species in the reclaimed landscape,
  - iii) wetlands,
  - iv) self-sustaining vegetation communities representative of the surrounding area, and
  - v) reforestation and forest productivity;
- f) a revegetation plan for the disturbed terrestrial and aquatic areas, identifying the species types that will be used for seeding or planting, and the vegetation management practices to return disturbed areas to a state capable of supporting a self-sustaining vegetative community capable of ecological succession equivalent to pre-disturbance conditions, considering factors such as biological capability and diversity, natural disturbance regimes and end land use objectives;
- g) reclamation material salvage, storage areas and handling procedures;
- h) reclamation material replacement indicating depth, volume and type;
- i) pre-development and final reclaimed site drainage plans;
- j) integrating surface and near-surface drainage within the Project Area; and
- k) promotion of biodiversity.

[B] Provide a predicted post-disturbance Ecological Land Classification map for the post-reclamation landscape considering potential land uses and how the landscape and soils have been designed to accommodate future land use.

[C] Provide a conceptual plan to monitor reclamation performance and success (including soils, vegetation, wildlife and aquatic resources).

[D] Discuss uncertainties related to the conceptual reclamation plan.

## **2.11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

[A] Summarize key elements of EnCana FCCL existing or proposed environment, health and safety management system.

[B] Describe adaptive management plans that minimize the impact of the Project. Describe the flexibility built into the Project to accommodate future modifications as a result of:

- a) environmental standards, limits and guidelines; or
- b) findings from Project-specific or regional monitoring.

[C] Describe EnCana FCCL current and proposed source monitoring programs with respect to:

- a) air emissions, including fugitive emissions;
- b) wastewater treatment and release; and
- c) hazardous and non-hazardous waste treatment and storage.

[D] Discuss:

- a) how monitoring data will be disseminated to the public or other interested parties; and
- b) how the results of monitoring programs and publicly available monitoring information will be integrated with EnCana FCCL environmental management system.

## **2.12 REGIONAL AND COOPERATIVE INITIATIVES**

[A] Discuss EnCana FCCL's involvement in regional and cooperative efforts to address environmental and socio-economic issues associated with regional development, including:

- a) potential cooperative ventures that EnCana FCCL has initiated, could initiate or could develop with other operators and other resource users;
- b) how EnCana FCCL will work to develop and implement such cooperative opportunities;
- c) EnCana FCCL participation in any regional forums;
- d) how EnCana FCCL would design and implement research programs; and
- e) how regional environmental management initiatives will be incorporated into EnCana FCCL's management practices.

[B] Discuss EnCana FCCL regional monitoring activities including:

- a) monitoring that will be undertaken to assist in managing environmental effects, confirm performance of mitigative measures and improve environmental protection strategies;
- b) monitoring done independently by EnCana FCCL;
- c) monitoring performed in conjunction with other stakeholders, including aboriginal communities and groups; and
- d) new monitoring initiatives that may be required as a result of the Project.

## **3 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

### **3.1 ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1.1 Scenarios**

[A] Define assessment scenarios including:

- a) a Baseline Case, which includes existing environmental conditions, existing and approved projects or activities;

- b) an Application Case, which includes the Baseline Case plus the Project; and
- c) a Planned Development Case, which includes past, existing and anticipated future environmental conditions, based on existing and approved projects or activities, plus planned projects or activities reasonably expected to occur.

For the purposes of defining the assessment scenarios, *approved* means approved by any federal, provincial or municipal regulatory authority. *Planned* means any project or activity that has been publicly disclosed up to six months prior to the submission of EnCana FCCL's Application and EIA report.

### **3.1.2 Study Areas**

#### **3.1.2.1 Project Area**

[A] The Project Area includes all lands subject to direct disturbance from the Project and associated infrastructure. For the Project Area, provide:

- a) the legal land description;
- b) the boundaries of the land under EnCana FCCL's control (this may include lands under the public land disposition or private lands leased or owned by EnCana FCCL);
- c) the proposed ERCB approval area;
- d) a map that shows the status of land tenure/ownership and identifies the locations of all proposed development activities and facilities; and
- e) a topographic map of appropriate scale showing the area proposed to be disturbed in relation to existing township grids, wetlands, watercourses, and waterbodies.

#### **3.1.2.2 Local and Regional Study Areas**

[A] The Local Study Area (LSA) is the area existing outside the boundaries of the Project Area, where there is a reasonable potential for immediate environmental impacts due to ongoing Project activities.

[B] The Regional Study Area (RSA) is the area within which there is the potential for cumulative and socio-economic effects, and that may be relevant to the assessment of any wider-spread effects of the Project.

[C] The Study Area for the EIA report shall include the Project Area as well as the spatial and temporal limits of individual environmental components outside of the Project Area boundaries where an effect can be reasonably expected. The Study Area includes both the Local and Regional Study Areas.

[D] For each LSA and RSA:

- a) provide the scientific rationale used to define the spatial and temporal aspects considering the location and range of probable Project and cumulative effects;
- b) identify LSA and RSA boundaries on maps of appropriate scale that show existing township grids, wetlands, watercourses, waterbodies and other topographic features.

[E] Identify the traditional land use areas within the Study Area, as provided by aboriginal communities and groups.

### **3.1.3 Cumulative Environmental Effects**

[A] EnCana FCCL will assess cumulative environmental effects in accordance with the ERCB/AENV/Natural Resources Conservation Board Information Letter *Cumulative Effects Assessment in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports under the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, June 2000. EnCana FCCL will include a summary of all proposed monitoring, research and other strategies or plans to minimize, mitigate and manage any potential adverse effects.

[B] Explain the approach and methods used to identify and assess cumulative impacts, including cooperative opportunities and initiatives undertaken to further the collective understanding of cumulative effects. Provide a record of relevant assumptions, confidence in data and analysis to support conclusions.

### 3.1.4 Information Requirements

- [A] EnCana FCCL shall include the following environmental information for each assessment scenario:
- a) a description of and rationale for the selection of environmental attributes, parameters, or properties examined;
  - b) for each selected environmental attribute, parameter, or property:
    - i) describe existing conditions. Comment on whether the available data are sufficient to assess impacts and mitigative measures. Identify environmental disturbance from previous, current, and approved activities that have become part of the baseline conditions,
    - ii) describe the environmental effects associated with the development activities,
    - iii) provide plans to minimize, mitigate or eliminate negative effects and impacts. Discuss the key elements of such plans,
    - iv) provide a description of the process and criteria used to determine the significance of environmental effects,
    - v) provide a plan to manage environmental changes and identify and follow-up programs necessary to verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment and to determine effectiveness of measures taken to mitigate adverse environmental effects, and
    - vi) describe residual effects and their significance;
  - c) a discussion of the sources of information used in the assessment including:
    - i) a summary of previously conducted environmental assessments related to EnCana FCCL's operations,
    - ii) literature and previous EIA reports and environmental studies; operating experience from current, similar operations; industry study groups; traditional knowledge; and government sources, and
    - iii) limitations or deficiencies that the information may place on the analysis or conclusions in the EIA report. Discuss how these limitations or deficiencies may be addressed within the EIA report; and
  - d) description of the techniques used to identify and evaluate the environmental impacts and effects resulting from the Project.
- [B] The EIA report shall:
- a) identify where deficiencies in information exist and describe EnCana FCCL's plan, including a rationale, for providing the necessary information. Where required undertake studies and investigations to obtain additional information to address the information deficiencies;
  - b) provide a sufficient base for the prediction of positive and negative impacts and the extent to which negative impacts may be mitigated by planning, Project design, construction techniques, operational practices and reclamation techniques. Impact significance will be quantified where possible and assessed including consideration of spatial, temporal and cumulative aspects;
  - c) if applicable, provide a plan that addresses the adverse impacts associated with the Project that may require joint resolution by government, industry and the community. Describe how this plan might be implemented and how it would incorporate the participation of government, industry and the community; and
  - d) present biophysical information in a manner that enables ecological land classification maps to be completed to the ecosite classification level.

### 3.1.5 Modeling

- [A] For those models or modeling techniques used that are not prescribed by regulators to predict Project impacts provide:
- a) the justification for the model used;
  - b) documentation of the calibration process, the validation process and the assumptions used and data sets used to obtain the modeling predictions in the EIA report;

- c) discussion of the limitations of the models, including sources of error and relative accuracy, and how these limitations were addressed in the EIA report.

[B] Air quality modeling shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of the *Air Quality Modeling Guidelines* published by Alberta Environment.

### **3.2 AIR QUALITY, CLIMATE AND NOISE**

#### **3.2.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Discuss the baseline climatic and air quality conditions including:

- a) the type and frequency of meteorological conditions that may result in poor air quality; and
- b) appropriate ambient air quality parameters such as SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, H<sub>2</sub>S, total hydrocarbons (THC), NOX, VOC, PAH, individual hydrocarbons of concern in the THC and VOC mixtures, ground-level ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), visibility, representative heavy metals, and particulates (road dust, PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

[B] Provide representative baseline noise levels at receptor locations.

#### **3.2.2 Impact Assessment**

[A] Identify components of the Project that will affect air quality, and:

- a) describe the potential for reduced air quality (including odours and visibility) resulting from the Project and discuss any implications of the expected air quality for environmental protection and public health, including the local residents and actively used cabins;
- b) estimate ground-level concentrations of appropriate air quality parameters;
- c) discuss any expected changes to particulate deposition, nitrogen deposition, and acidic deposition patterns;
- d) identify areas that exceed Potential Acid Input (PAI) critical loading criteria;
- e) discuss interactive effects that may occur as a result of co-exposure of a receptor to all emissions; and
- f) describe air quality impacts resulting from the Project, and their implications for other environmental resources, including habitat diversity and quantity, soil resources, vegetation resources, and water quality.

[B] Identify stages or elements of the Project that are sensitive to changes or variability in climate parameters, including frequency and severity of extreme weather events. Discuss what impacts the change to climate parameters may have on elements of the Project that are sensitive to climate parameters.

[C] Identify components of the Project that have the potential to increase noise levels and discuss the implications. Present the results of a noise assessment. Include:

- a) potentially-affected people and wildlife;
- b) an estimate of the potential for increased noise resulting from the development; and
- c) the implications of any increased noise levels, including the implications for local residents and any actively used cabins.

[D] Describe how air quality and noise impacts resulting from the Project will be mitigated.

[E] Describe the residual air quality and noise effects of the Project and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

#### **3.2.3 Monitoring**

[A] Describe ambient air quality and noise monitoring that will be conducted during the life of the Project to assess air quality and noise and the effectiveness of mitigation.

[B] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to monitor the effects of acid deposition.

### **3.3 HYDROGEOLOGY**

#### **3.3.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Provide an overview of the existing geologic and hydrogeologic setting from the ground surface down to, and including, the oil producing zones and wastewater disposal zones, and if applicable, to the base of any deeper strata that would be potentially impacted by wastewater disposal. Document any new hydrogeological investigations, including methodology and results, undertaken as part of the EIA study, and:

- a) present regional and Project Area geology using structure contour maps, geologic cross-sections and isopach maps to illustrate depth, thickness and spatial extent of lithology, stratigraphic units and structural features;
- b) present regional and Project Area hydrogeology describing:
  - i) the major aquifers, aquitards and aquicludes (Quaternary and bedrock), their spatial distribution, properties, hydraulic connections between aquifers, hydraulic heads, gradients, groundwater flow directions and velocities. Include maps and cross sections,
  - ii) the chemistry of groundwater aquifers including baseline concentrations of major ions, metals and hydrocarbon indicators,
  - iii) the potential discharge zones, potential recharge zones and sources, areas of groundwater-surface water interaction and areas of Quaternary aquifer-bedrock groundwater interaction,
  - iv) water well development and groundwater use, including an inventory of groundwater users,
  - v) the recharge potential for Quaternary aquifers,
  - vi) potential hydraulic connection between bitumen production zones, deep disposal formations and other aquifers due to Project operations,
  - vii) the characterization of formations chosen for deep well disposal, including chemical compatibility and containment potential, injection capacity, hydrodynamic flow regime, and water quality assessments. The suitability of any onsite waste disposal sites shall be discussed and supporting geological information provided, and
  - viii) the locations of major facilities associated with the Project including facilities for waste storage, treatment and disposal (e.g., deep well disposal) and describe site-specific aquifer and shallow groundwater conditions beneath these proposed facilities.

#### **3.3.2 Impact Assessment**

[A] Describe Project components and activities that have the potential to affect groundwater resource quantity and quality during the life of the Project.

[B] Describe the nature and significance of the potential Project impacts on groundwater with respect to:

- a) inter-relationship between groundwater and surface water in terms of surface water quantity and quality;
- b) implications for terrestrial or riparian vegetation, wildlife and aquatic resources including wetlands;
- c) changes in groundwater quality;
- d) conflicts with other groundwater users, and proposed resolutions to these conflicts;
- e) potential implications of seasonal variations; and
- f) groundwater withdrawal for Project operations including any expected alterations in the groundwater flow regime during and following Project operations.

[C] Describe programs to manage and protect groundwater resources including any response/mitigation plans that may be considered in the event that adverse effects are detected.

[D] Identify measures to reduce the environmental risks from casing failures.

[E] Describe the residual effects of the Project on groundwater quality and quantity and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

### **3.3.3 Monitoring**

[A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to identify impacts to groundwater quality and quantity resulting from the Project and to measure the effectiveness of mitigation plans.

## **3.4 HYDROLOGY**

### **3.4.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Describe and map the surface hydrology. Include flow regimes of streams in the Project Area.

[B] Provide surface flow baseline data for both the Local Study Area and Regional Study Area, including:

- a) seasonal variation, low, average and peak flows for watercourses, and
- b) low, average and peak levels for waterbodies.

[C] Identify any surface water users who have existing approvals, permits or licenses.

### **3.4.2 Impact Assessment**

[A] Discuss changes to watersheds, including surface and near-surface drainage conditions, potential flow impediment, and potential changes in open-water surface areas caused by the Project.

[B] Describe the extent of hydrological changes that will result from disturbances to groundwater and surface water movement:

- a) include changes to the quantity of surface flow, water levels and channel regime in watercourses (during minimum, average and peak flows) and water levels in waterbodies;
- b) assess the potential impact of any alterations in flow on the hydrology in both the Local Study Area and Regional Study Area and identify all temporary and permanent alterations, channel realignments, disturbances or surface water withdrawals;
- c) discuss both the Project and cumulative effect of these changes on hydrology (e.g., timing, volume, peak and minimum flow rates, river regime and lake levels), including the significance of effects for downstream watercourses; and
- d) identify any potential erosion problems in watercourses due to the Project.

[C] Discuss changes in sedimentation patterns in receiving waters caused by the Project.

[D] Describe impacts on other surface water users due to the Project. Identify any potential water use conflicts.

[E] Describe potential downstream impact if surface water is removed.

[F] Discuss the impact of low flow conditions and in-stream flow needs on water supply and water and wastewater management strategies.

[G] Discuss how potential impacts of temporary and permanent roads and well pads on the hydrology of wetland types will be minimized and mitigated.

[H] Describe mitigation measures to address impacts during the construction, operation, decommissioning and reclamation stages including:

- a) alteration in flow regimes;
- b) potential water use conflicts; and
- c) increased sediment loadings.

[I] Describe residual effects of the Project on hydrology in both the Local Study Area and Regional Study Area and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

### **3.4.3 Monitoring**

[A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to assess the impacts of changes in surface water flows and levels on aquatic resources, wildlife and vegetation and to measure the effectiveness of mitigation plans.

## **3.5 SURFACE WATER QUALITY**

### **3.5.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Describe the baseline water quality of watercourses and waterbodies and their seasonal variations and relationships to flow and other controlling factors.

### **3.5.2 Impact Assessment**

[A] Identify Project components that may influence or impact surface water quality.

[B] Describe the potential impacts of the Project on surface water quality:

- a) discuss any changes in water quality resulting from the Project that may exceed the Surface Water Quality Guidelines for Use in Alberta or the Canadian Water Quality Guidelines;
- b) discuss the significance of any impacts on water quality and implications to aquatic resources (e.g., biota, biodiversity and habitat);
- c) discuss seasonal variation and potential effects on surface water quality;
- d) assess the potential Project related and cumulative impacts of acidifying and other air emissions on surface water quality; and
- e) discuss the effect of changes in surface runoff or groundwater discharge on water quality in surface waterbodies.

[C] Describe proposed mitigation measures to maintain surface water quality during the construction, operation, decommissioning and reclamation stages of the Project.

[D] Describe the residual effects of the Project on surface water quality and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

### **3.5.3 Monitoring**

[A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to assess surface water quality impacts from the Project and to measure the effectiveness of mitigation plans. Discuss the location of monitoring sites, the frequency of monitoring, the parameters to be monitored, the implementation of quality assurance programs, and the numerical methodology.

[B] Describe how continuous monitoring will be used to evaluate Project effects, and how such monitoring will be used to identify the need for mitigation.

## **3.6 AQUATIC ECOLOGY**

### **3.6.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Describe the existing fish and other aquatic resources. Identify species composition, distribution, relative abundance, movements and general life history parameters.

[B] Describe and map, as appropriate, the fish habitat and aquatic resources of the lakes, rivers and other waters and identify:

- a) key indicator species and provide the rationale and selection criteria used;
- b) critical or sensitive areas such as spawning, rearing, and over-wintering habitats. Discuss seasonal habitat use including migration and spawning routes; and
- c) current and potential use of the fish resources by aboriginal, sport or commercial fisheries.

### 3.6.2 Impact Assessment

[A] Describe the potential impacts to fish, fish habitat, and other aquatic resources (e.g., stream alterations and changes to substrate conditions, water quality and quantity) considering:

- a) fish tainting, survival of eggs and fry, chronic or acute health effects, and increased stress on fish populations from release of contaminants, sedimentation, flow alterations, temperature and habitat changes;
- b) potential impacts on riparian areas that could impact aquatic biological resources and productivity;
- c) the potential for increased fishing pressures in the region that could arise from the increased workforce and improved access as a result of the Project. Identify the implications on the fish resource and describe any mitigation strategies that might be planned to minimize these effects, including any plans to restrict employee and visitor access; and
- d) changes to benthic invertebrate communities that may affect food quality and availability for fish.

[B] As applicable, discuss the design, construction and operational factors to be incorporated into the Project to minimize effects to fish and fish habitat and protect aquatic resources.

[C] Identify plans proposed to offset any loss in the productivity of fish habitat. Indicate how environmental protection plans address applicable provincial and federal policies on fish habitat including the development of a “No Net Loss” fish habitat objective.

[D] Describe the residual effects of the Project on fish, fish habitat, and other aquatic resources and discuss their significance in the context of local and regional fisheries. Describe EnCana FCCL’s plans to manage those effects.

### 3.6.3 Monitoring

[A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to assess fisheries impacts from the Project and to measure the effectiveness of mitigation plans.

## 3.7 VEGETATION

### 3.7.1 Baseline Information

[A] Describe the existing vegetation, including non-native plant species, by mapping vegetation communities for each ecosite phase.

[B] Describe and map wetlands, and discuss the distribution and relative abundance of wetlands.

[C] Identify, verify and map the relative abundance of species of rare plants and the ecosite phases where they are found.

[D] Identify key indicators and discuss the rationale for their selection. Identify composition, distribution, relative abundance, and habitat requirements. Address those species listed as “at Risk, May be at Risk and Sensitive” in *The Status of Alberta Species* (Alberta Sustainable Resource Development) and all legally listed species under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

[E] Discuss the potential of each ecosite phase to support rare plant species, plants for traditional, medicinal and cultural purposes, old growth forests and communities of limited distribution. Consider their importance for local and regional habitat, sustained forest growth, rare plant habitat and the hydrologic regime.

[F] Describe the regional relevance of landscape units that are identified as rare.

[G] Provide Timber Productivity Ratings for the Local Study Area, including identification of productive forested, non-productive forested and non-forested lands.

### **3.7.2 Impact Assessment**

- [A] Identify the amount of vegetation and wetlands to be disturbed during the life of the Project.
- [B] Discuss any potential effects the Project may have on rare plants or endangered species, as listed in *The Status of Alberta Species* (Alberta Sustainable Resource Development) and the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre.
- [C] Discuss temporary (include timeframe) and permanent changes to vegetation and wetland communities and comment on:
  - a) the effects and their implications for other environmental resources (e.g., habitat diversity and quantity, water quality and quantity, erosion potential)
  - b) the effects and their implications to recreation, aboriginal and other uses; and
  - c) the sensitivity to disturbance (including acid deposition), as well as the techniques used to estimate sensitivity to disturbance and reclamation, of each vegetation community.
- [D] Describe the regional impact of any ecosite phase to be removed.
- [E] Discuss from an ecological perspective, the expected timelines for establishment and recovery of vegetative communities and the expected differences in the resulting vegetative community structures.
- [F] Provide an Ecological Land Classification map that shows the reclaimed vegetation. Comment on the importance of the size, distribution and variety of the reclaimed landscape units from both a local and regional perspective.
- [G] Compare the pre-disturbance and reclaimed percentages and distribution of all forested communities in the Project Area and determine the amount of commercial and non-commercial forest land base that will be disturbed by the Project.
- [H] Discuss the impact of any loss of wetlands, as well as how this will affect land use, fragmentation and biodiversity. Discuss measures and techniques that will be used to minimize the impact.
- [I] Provide a mitigation strategy that will minimize Project impacts addressing:
  - a) mitigation of the adverse effects of site clearing on rare plants and plant communities. Identify any setbacks proposed around environmentally-sensitive areas such as surface waterbodies, riparian areas, traditional use sites and wetlands; and
  - b) measures and techniques that will be used to minimize the impact of loss of wetlands on land use, fragmentation and biodiversity.
- [J] Discuss weeds and non-native invasive species and describe how these species will be assessed and controlled prior to and during operation and reclamation.
- [K] Describe the residual effects of the Project on vegetation and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

### **3.7.3 Monitoring**

- [A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to assess vegetation impacts from the Project and to measure the effectiveness of mitigation plans.

## **3.8 WILDLIFE**

### **3.8.1 Baseline Information**

- [A] Describe and map existing wildlife resources (amphibians, reptiles, birds and terrestrial and aquatic mammals) and their use and potential use of habitats.
- [B] Identify key indicator species and discuss the rationale for their selection. Identify composition, distribution, relative abundance, seasonal movements, movement corridors, habitat requirements, key habitat areas, and general life history. Address those species listed as "at Risk, May be at Risk and

Sensitive” in *The Status of Alberta Species* (Alberta Sustainable Resource Development) and all legally listed species under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

### **3.8.2 Impact Assessment**

- [A] Describe Project components and activities that may affect wildlife and wildlife habitat.
- [B] Describe the potential changes to wildlife:
- a) evaluate potential impacts on wildlife populations, habitat use, habitat availability/quality and food supply during all phases of the Project. Consider habitat loss, abandonment, reduced effectiveness, fragmentation or alteration as it relates to movement, reproductive potential and recruitment for regional wildlife populations over the life of the Project;
  - b) describe the spatial and temporal changes to habitat (type, quality, quantity, diversity and distribution) and to wildlife distribution, relative abundance, movements, habitat availability and the potential to return the area to pre-disturbed wildlife habitat/population conditions, including:
    - i) potential effects on wildlife as a result of changes to air and water quality, including both acute and chronic effects on animal health, and
    - ii) potential effects on wildlife due to improved or altered access into the area (e.g., vehicle collisions with wildlife), obstructions to daily or seasonal movements, noise and hunting mortality during operations and after reclamation;
  - c) comment on the availability of species for traditional use considering habitat loss and changes, habitat avoidance, road-kills and other secondary impacts and increased non-aboriginal hunting pressure; and
  - d) map the anticipated changes due to the Project and other planned activities in both the Local Study Area and Regional Study Area to describe potential effects of habitat fragmentation and the implications to wildlife.
- [C] Provide a strategy and mitigation plan to minimize impacts on wildlife habitat during the life of the Project and to return productive wildlife habitat to the area, considering:
- a) consistency of the plan with applicable regional, provincial and federal wildlife habitat objectives and policies;
  - b) habitat enhancement measures and a schedule for the return of habitat capability to areas impacted by the Project;
  - c) the use of setbacks to provide for the protection of riparian habitats, interconnectivity of such habitat and the unimpeded movement by wildlife species using the habitat;
  - d) the need for access controls or other management strategies to protect wildlife during and after Project operations; and
  - e) measures to prevent habituation of wildlife (e.g., black bears), increasing the potential for human-wildlife encounters and consequent destruction of wildlife, including any staff training program, garbage containment or regular follow-up.
- [D] Describe the residual effects of the Project on wildlife and wildlife habitat in both the Local Study Area and Regional Study Area and EnCana FCCL’s plans to manage those effects.

### **3.8.3 Monitoring**

- [A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to assess wildlife impacts from the Project and to measure the effectiveness of mitigation plans and habitat enhancement measures, giving special attention to sensitive species.

### **3.9 BIODIVERSITY AND FRAGMENTATION**

#### **3.9.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Describe the terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity metrics that will be used to characterize the existing ecosystems and probable effects of Project development, and that will represent broad taxonomic assemblages, and:

- a) describe the process and rationale used to select biotic and abiotic indicators for biodiversity within selected taxonomic groups;
- b) determine the relative abundance of species in each ecosite phase;
- c) provide species locations, lists and summaries of observed and estimated species richness and evenness for each ecosite phase;
- d) provide a measure of biodiversity on baseline sites that are representative of the proposed reclamation ecosites; and
- e) rank each ecological unit for biodiversity potential. Describe the techniques used in the ranking process.

[B] Describe the current level of habitat fragmentation.

#### **3.9.2 Impact Assessment**

[A] Describe the metrics used to assess the probable effects of Project development. Discuss the contribution of the Project to any anticipated changes in regional biodiversity and the potential impact to local and regional ecosystems.

[B] Identify and evaluate the extent of potential effects from fragmentation that may result from the Project.

[C] Discuss the measures to minimize any anticipated changes in regional biodiversity.

[D] Describe the residual effects of the Project on biodiversity and fragmentation and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

#### **3.9.3 Monitoring**

[A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to measure changes to biodiversity and fragmentation caused by the Project and the effectiveness of mitigation plans.

### **3.10 TERRAIN AND SOILS**

#### **3.10.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Provide descriptions and maps of the terrain and soils conditions, including:

- a) surficial geology and topography;
- b) the soil types and their distribution. Provide an ecological context to the soil resource by supplying a soil survey report and maps to include Survey Intensity Level 2 for the Project Area;
- c) the suitability and availability of soils within the Project Area for reclamation;
- d) soils that could be affected by the Project with emphasis on potential acidification (by soil type); and
- e) descriptions and locations of erosion sensitive soils.

#### **3.10.2 Impact Assessment**

[A] Describe Project activities and other related issues that could affect soil quality (e.g., compaction, contaminants) and:

- a) indicate the amount (ha) of surface disturbance from plant, field (pads, pipelines, access roads), aggregate and borrow sites, construction camps, drilling waste disposal and other infrastructure-related construction activities;

- b) provide an inventory of the pre- and post-disturbance land capability classes for soils in the Local Study Area and describe the impacts to land capability due to the Project. Indicate the size and location of soil types and land capability classes that will be disturbed;
- c) discuss the relevance of any changes for the local and regional landscapes, biodiversity, productivity, ecological integrity, aesthetics and future use resulting from disturbance during the life of the Project;
- d) identify the potential acidification impact on soils and discuss the significance of predicted impacts by acidifying emissions resulting from the Project;
- e) describe the impact of the Project development on soil types and reclamation suitability and the approximate volume of soil materials for reclamation. Discuss any constraints or limitations to achieving vegetation/habitat reclamation based on anticipated soil conditions (e.g., compaction, contaminants, salinity, soil moisture, nutrient depletion, erosion, etc.);
- f) discuss the potential for soil erosion during the life of the Project;
- g) identify the environmental effects of proposed drilling methods on the landscape and surficial and bedrock geology during the life of the Project;
- h) discuss the potential for casing and pipeline failures and their environmental effects; and
- i) discuss the potential for changes in the ground surface during operations (e.g., ground heave and/or subsidence). Discuss the environmental implications of any terrain changes during the steaming and recovery operations.

[B] Provide a mitigation plan, including:

- a) possible measures to minimize surface disturbance including the use of existing clearings for Project development;
- b) possible actions to address potential effects of acid deposition;
- c) possible actions to mitigate effects of any constraint or limitation to habitat reclamation such as compaction, contaminants, salinity, soil moisture, erosion, nutrient regime, etc.;
- d) possible measures to mitigate changes to ground surface (temperature, heave and subsidence) during operations;
- e) possible actions to address impacts to land capability; and
- f) any other measures to reduce or eliminate the potential impacts that the Project may have on soil capability and/or quality.

[C] Describe the residual effects of the Project on terrain and soils and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

### **3.10.3 Monitoring**

[A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to measure Project impacts on terrain and soils and the effectiveness of mitigation plans.

## **3.11 LAND USE**

### **3.11.1 Baseline Information**

[A] Identify the current land uses, including oil and gas development, agriculture, forestry, tourism, cultural use, food collection, trapping, fishing, hunting, any other aboriginal uses and other outdoor recreational activities.

[B] Identify and map all Crown land, including bed and shore as well as all Crown Reservations (Holding Reservation, Protective Notation, Consultative Notation).

[C] Identify and map unique sites or special features such as Parks and Protected Areas, Heritage Rivers, Historic Sites, Environmentally Significant Areas, culturally significant sites and other designations (World Heritage Sites, Ramsar Sites, Internationally Important Bird Areas, etc).

[D] Identify any land use policies and resource management initiatives that pertain to the Project, and discuss how the Project will be consistent with the intent of these initiatives.

### **3.11.2 Impact Assessment**

[A] Identify the potential impact of the Project on land uses, including:

- a) impacts to unique sites or special features;
- b) changes in public access, including secondary effects related to increased hunter, angler and other recreational access, decreased access to traditional use sites, and facilitated predator movement, that may result from linear development;
- c) the implications of relevant land use policies and resource management initiatives for the Project, including any constraints to development;
- d) potential impacts to aggregate reserves that may be located on land under EnCana FCCL's control and reserves in the region;
- e) the impact of development and reclamation on commercial forest harvesting in the Project Area. Include opportunities for timber salvage, revegetation, reforestation and harvest for the reduction of fuel hazard;
- f) the amount of commercial and non-commercial forest land base that will be disturbed by the Project. Compare the pre-disturbance and reclaimed percentages and distribution of all forested communities in the Project Area;
- g) how the Project disturbance impacts Annual Allowable Cuts and quotas within the Forest Management Agreement area;
- h) the potential impact on existing land uses of anticipated changes (type and extent) to the pre-disturbance topography, elevation and drainage pattern within the Project Area; and
- i) implications of the Project on regional recreational activities, public access, aboriginal land use and other land uses during and after development activities.

[B] Discuss possible mitigation strategies to address:

- a) the need for, and plans to address, access management during and after Project operations;
- b) the process for addressing the needs of other land users in the Local Study Area;
- c) measures to mitigate impacts on land use created by the Project; and
- d) how potentially-affected aggregate reserves will be salvaged and stockpiled with input provided by Alberta Transportation and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

[C] Describe the residual effects of the Project on land use and EnCana FCCL's plans to manage those effects.

### **3.11.3 Monitoring**

[A] Describe any monitoring programs proposed to measure land use impacts resulting from the Project and the effectiveness of mitigation plans.

## **4 HISTORIC RESOURCES**

[A] Describe consultation with Alberta Culture and Community Spirit (ACCS) concerning the need for a Historic Resource Impact Assessment (HRIA) for the Project, and:

- a) provide a general overview of the results of any previous historic resource studies that have been conducted in the Study Area, including archaeological resources, palaeontological resources, historic period sites, and any other historic resources as defined within the Historical Resources Act;
- b) summarize the results from the field program performed to assess archaeological, palaeontological and historic significance of the Local Study Area;
- c) provide a summary of the results of the HRIA conducted to assess the potential impact of the Project on archaeological, palaeontological and historic resources;

- d) provide an outline of the program and schedule of field investigations that ACCS may require EnCana FCCL to undertake to further assess and mitigate the effects of the Project on historic resources; and
- e) document any stakeholder concerns with respect to the development of the Project based on the historic significance of the Study Area.

## **5 TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND LAND USE**

[A] Describe:

- a) the extent of traditional use of land in the Local Study Area. Discuss the vegetation and wildlife used for traditional, food, ceremonial, medicinal and other purposes, and any potential effects the Project may have;
- b) traditional uses including fishing, hunting, trapping, nutritional or medicinal plant harvesting, and cultural use by affected aboriginal peoples; and
- c) how traditional ecological knowledge and information on traditional use was gathered and incorporated into the assessment.

[B] Provide a map of cabin sites, spiritual sites, graves and other traditional use sites considered as historic resources under the *Historical Resources Act* (if the aboriginal community or group is willing to have these locations disclosed).

[C] Determine the impact of development on traditional uses and identify possible mitigation strategies.

## **6 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT**

[A] Describe those aspects of the Project that may have implications for public health or the delivery of regional health services. Determine whether there may be implications for public health arising from the Project. Specifically:

- a) assess the potential health implications of the compounds that will be released to the environment from the proposed Project in relation to exposure limits established to prevent acute and chronic adverse effects on human health;
- b) provide the data, exposure modeling calculations, and describe the methods EnCana FCCL used to assess impacts of the Project on human health and safety;
- c) provide information, including chemical analyses and modeling results, on samples of selected environmental media (e.g., soil, water, air, vegetation, wild game, etc.) used in the assessment;
- d) discuss the potential for changes to water quality, air quality and soil quality to increase human exposure to contaminants taking into consideration all Project activities;
- e) identify the human health impact of the potential contamination of country foods and natural food sources taking into consideration all Project activities;
- f) document any health concerns raised by stakeholders during consultation on the Project;
- g) document any health concerns identified by aboriginal communities or groups due to impacts of existing development and of the Project specifically on their traditional lifestyle and include an aboriginal receptor type in the assessment;
- h) assess the cumulative human health effects to receptors, including First Nations and Métis receptors;
- i) as appropriate, describe anticipated follow-up work, including regional cooperative studies. Discuss how such work will be implemented and coordinated with ongoing air, soil and water quality initiatives;
- j) describe the potential health impacts due to higher regional traffic volumes and the increased risk of accidental leaks and spills; and
- k) discuss mitigation strategies to minimize the potential impact of the Project on human health.

- [B] Describe those aspects of the Project that may have implications for public safety. Determine whether there may be implications for public safety arising from the Project. Specifically:
- a) describe EnCana FCCL's emergency response plan, including public notification protocol and safety procedures, to minimize adverse environmental effects, including emergency reporting procedures for spill containment and management;
  - b) document any safety concerns raised by stakeholders during consultation on the Project;
  - c) describe how local residents will be contacted during an emergency and the type of information that will be communicated to them;
  - d) describe the existing agreements with area municipalities or industry groups such as safety cooperatives, emergency response associations, regional mutual aid programs and municipal emergency response agencies;
  - e) describe the potential safety impacts due to higher regional traffic volumes; and
  - f) discuss mitigation plans to ensure workforce and public safety during the life of the Project. Include prevention and safety measures for wildfire occurrences, water saturated plume from cooling towers, icy roads in the winter months, accidental release or spill of chemicals to the environment and failures of structures retaining water or fluid wastes.

## **7 SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT**

### **7.1 BASELINE INFORMATION**

[A] Describe the existing socio-economic conditions in the region, including for the communities in the region.

- [B] Describe factors that may affect existing socio-economic conditions including:
- a) population changes;
  - b) EnCana FCCL's policies and programs regarding the use of regional and Alberta goods and services;
  - c) a project schedule and a general description of the overall engineering and contracting plan for the Project;
  - d) workforce requirements for the Project, including a description of when peak activity periods will occur; and
  - e) planned accommodations for the workforce during the life of the Project.

### **7.2 IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- [A] Describe the socio-economic effects of construction and operation of the Project, including:
- a) impacts related to:
    - i) local training, employment and business opportunities,
    - ii) regional and provincial economic benefits,
    - iii) housing,
    - iv) construction camps,
    - v) recreational activities,
    - vi) trapping, hunting and fishing, and
    - vii) effects on First Nations and Métis (e.g., traditional land use and culture);
  - b) estimated total Project cost, including a breakdown for engineering and project management, equipment and materials, and labour for both construction and operation stages. Indicate the percentage of expenditures expected to occur in the region, Alberta, Canada outside of Alberta, and outside of Canada;
  - c) impacts of the Project on the availability of affordable housing and the quality of health care services. Provide a summary of any discussions that have taken place with the local municipalities and the local environmental public health office of Alberta Health Services concerning housing availability and health care services respectively;

- d) discuss any effects expected on primary and secondary highway systems and other regional roads caused by anticipated traffic changes;
- e) if a construction camp is needed, identify:
  - i) its location,
  - ii) the number of workers it is intended to house,
  - iii) whether the camp will service the Project only or other clients,
  - iv) the length of time the camp will be in service, and
  - v) describe what services will be provided in the camp (e.g., security, recreation and leisure, medical services);
- f) the impact on local and regional infrastructure and community services, including consideration of municipal “hard services”, education/training services, social services, urban and regional recreation services, law enforcement and emergency services; and
- g) describe municipal growth pressures as they relate to the Project and the need for additional Crown land to meet these needs.

[B] Discuss options for mitigating impacts including:

- a) EnCana FCCL’s policies and programs regarding the use of regional and Alberta goods and services;
- b) plans to work with First Nations and Métis communities and groups and other local residents and businesses regarding employment, training needs, and other economic development opportunities arising from the Project;
- c) steps that have been undertaken by industry, the municipality, provincial government or through regional and cooperative initiatives to address socio-economic concerns and impacts to local and regional transportation infrastructure;
- d) the potential to avoid overlap with other Projects that are reasonably anticipated during the life of the Project;
- e) mitigation plans that will be undertaken to address issues related to the availability of affordable housing and the quality of health care services; and
- f) strategies to mitigate socio-economic concerns raised by the local municipality and other stakeholders in the region.

[C] Describe the residual effects of the Project on socio-economic conditions and EnCana FCCL’s plans to manage those effects.

### **7.3 MONITORING**

[A] Describe any monitoring plans proposed to measure the effectiveness of mitigation plans.