

DESIGN BULLETIN #46/2007

Project Sponsor Sign-off on Environmental and Regulatory Applications

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This amendment is issued to clarify the requirements for Project Sponsor signoff on environmental and regulatory applications on Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation projects.

This Design Bulletin is being issued as an amendment to the “*Engineering Consultant Guidelines for Highway and Bridge Projects - Volume 1 - Design and Tender*” (ECG Vol 1). This Bulletin, pertaining to the sign-off of environmental and regulatory applications, replaces the requirements of Section 4.3 “Environmental Compliance” of this manual.

BACKGROUND

The current Engineering Consultant Guidelines direct Consultants working on Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation projects to obtain regulatory approvals on behalf of the department. As regulatory approvals are agreements between the department and regulatory agencies this is inconsistent with signing authorities for other types of agreement the department enters into. The principle is that the individual with authority to ensure conditions of regulatory approval are met should sign the applications.

REVISED PROCESS

- The Consultant will collect and assess environmental information for a project and will make recommendations for mitigation and/or compensation for environmental impacts to the Project Sponsor, prior to contacting the regulatory agency.
- The Project Sponsor, in consultation with the Regional Environmental Coordinator, and other personnel if appropriate, will determine which mitigation and/or compensation measures may be discussed with the regulatory agency and direct the Consultant accordingly.
- Normally, the Consultant will then contact the regulatory agency and, if necessary, negotiate any mitigation and/or compensation requirements on the Department's behalf. In some case, the Project Sponsor may remove compensation negotiations from the Consultant's discussions with the regulatory agency (e.g. where compensation pooling among several projects may occur or where the project is considered complex).
- Upon completion of negotiations, the Consultant will prepare a draft application, complete with all the necessary documents and supporting information, for submission to the Project Sponsor for his review and signature.
- The Project Sponsor will forward a signed copy of the application to the regulatory agency with a copy of same to the Regional Environmental Coordinator and the Consultant.
- Any amendments to a regulatory approval will follow the above protocol.

IMPLEMENTATION OF BULLETIN

Implementation of this bulletin is effective immediately (March 27, 2007).

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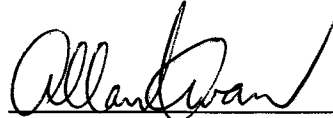
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