8 ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In this section, the environmental assessment process is described as required by Section 6 of the EIS Guidelines.

8.1 Provincial Agencies, Departments, and Organizations

8.1.1 Provincial Agencies

The following provincial agencies, departments, and organizations in British Columbia are involved in the environmental assessment process for the Project:

- Minister of Environment
- Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- The Executive Director of the Environmental Assessment Office
- Environmental Assessment Office
- Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas
- Ministry of Agriculture (including Agricultural Land Commission)
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
- British Columbia Utilities Commission
- BC Oil and Gas Commission

8.1.2 Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Provincial Agencies

The issues and concerns identified by provincial agencies with respect to the Project are summarized in Volume 1 Section 9.3 Government Agency Information and Distribution.

8.1.3 Issues Tracking Table – Provincial Agencies

A table listing the detailed comments provided by provincial agencies and BC Hydro's responses to those comments is presented in Volume 1 Appendix I Government Agency Information Distribution and Consultation Supporting Documentation.

8.1.4 Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Local and Regional Government Agencies

Issues and concerns identified by local and regional government agencies are summarized in Volume 1 Section 9.1 Public Information Distribution and Consultation.

8.1.5 Issues Tracking Table – Local and Regional Government Agencies

A table listing detailed comments provided by local and regional government agencies and BC Hydro's responses to those comments is presented in Volume 1 Appendix G Public Information Distribution and Consultation Supporting Documentation.

8.2 Federal Authorities

The following federal authorities have been involved in the environmental assessment process:

- Minister of Environment
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- Natural Resources Canada (Major Projects Management Office)
- Natural Resources Canada (Environmental Assessment)
- Natural Resources Canada (Explosives Safety and Security Branch)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Environmental Assessment and Major Projects Unit)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Marine Programs Division)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Cooperative Resource Management Institute)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Environmental Assessment and Major Projects Unit)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Alberta District, Peace River Office)
- Transport Canada (Navigable Waters Protection)
- Transport Canada (Environmental Office)
- Transport Canada (Major Projects Management Office Technical and Environmental Services)
- Environment Canada (Environmental Assessment Unit)
- Environment Canada (Water Science and Technology)
- Environment Canada (Water Resources)
- Environment Canada (Marine Programs Division)
- Environment Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service)
- Environment Canada (Water Quality Branch)
- Environment Canada (Hydrological Process and Modelling Research)
- Health Canada
- Parks Canada (Resource Conservation)

8.2.1 Summary of Issues and Concerns Identified by Federal Authorities

Issues and concerns identified by federal authorities are summarized in Volume 1 Section 9.3 Government Agency Information and Distribution.

8.2.2 Issues Tracking Table – Federal Authorities

A table listing detailed comments provided by federal authorities and BC Hydro's responses to those comments is presented in Volume 1 Appendix I Government Agency Information Distribution and Consultation Supporting Documentation.

8.3 Cooperative Review Process

8.3.1 Cooperative Review Process Under the B.C./Canada Agreement

As discussed in Volume 1 Section 1 Introduction, in February 2012, the Minister of Environment of British Columbia and the Minister of Environment of Canada entered into the B.C./Canada Agreement. That agreement was amended in ~~September~~ August 2012, after the enactment of CEAA 2012.

The preamble of the B.C./Canada Agreement includes the following:

> **"WHEREAS** the federal Minister of the Environment and the provincial Minister of Environment have determined that a cooperative environmental assessment including a joint review panel for the Site C Clean Energy Project will avoid unnecessary duplication and delays that could arise from individual reviews by each government; and agree to establish a joint review panel for the Site C Clean Energy Project…"

8.3.2 Stages of Assessment under the B.C./Canada Agreement

The B.C./Canada Agreement provides for three stages of assessment, the Pre-Panel Stage, the Joint Panel Review Stage, and the Post-Panel Stage (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 2.1).

8.3.2.1 Pre-Panel Stage

8.3.2.1.1 Duration of the Pre-Panel Stage

The federal and provincial Ministers of Environment, the parties to the B.C./Canada Agreement, do not expect the Pre-Panel Stage to exceed 24 calendar months from August 2, 2011, the date that the Notice of Consideration for the Project was posted on the Agency's website (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.15.). The 24-month period will end on August 1, 2013.

8.3.2.1.2 Establishment of the Working Group

During the Pre-Panel Stage, the Working Group (also referred to as the Advisory Working Group) was established (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.1).

The following Aboriginal groups and government agencies are members of the Working Group:

Federal Agencies

- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- Environment Canada

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Health Canada
- Major Project Management Office
- Natural Resources Canada
- Parks Canada
- Transport Canada

B.C. Agencies and Local Governments

- Agricultural Land Commission
- BC Oil and Gas Commission
- British Columbia Utilities Commission
- City of Dawson Creek
- District of Chetwynd
- District of Hudson's Hope
- District of Mackenzie
- District of Taylor
- District of Tumbler Ridge
- Environmental Assessment Office
- Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
- Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
- Northern Health
- Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Peace River Regional District
- Village of Pouce Coupe

B.C. Aboriginal Groups

- Blueberry River First Nation
- Doig River First Nation

- Fort Nelson First Nation
- Halfway River First Nation
- Kwadacha First Nation
- McLeod Lake Indian Band
- Métis Nation of British Columbia (invited by Canada)
- Prophet River First Nation
- Saulteau First Nations
- West Moberly First Nations
- Treaty 8 Tribal Association
- Tsay Keh Dene First Nation

Alberta Agencies and Local Governments

- Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
- Birch Hills County
- Clear Hills County
- County of Northern Lights
- Mackenzie County
- Municipal District of Fairview
- Municipal District of Peace
- Municipal District of Spirit River
- Northern Sunrise County
- Saddle Hills County
- Town of Fairview
- Town of Peace River

Alberta Aboriginal Groups

- Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
- Beaver First Nation
- Bigstone Cree Nation
- Chipewyan Prairie First Nation
- Dene Tha' First Nation
- Driftpile First Nation
- Duncan's First Nation
- Fort Chipewyan Métis Local 125

- Fort McKay First Nation
- Fort McMurray #468 First Nation
- Horse Lake First Nation
- Kapawe'no First Nation
- Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society (invited by Canada)
- Little Red River Cree First Nation
- Loon River Cree First Nation
- Lubicon Lake First Nation
- Métis Nation of Alberta Region 6
- Mikisew Cree First Nation
- Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
- Peerless Trout First Nation
- Sawridge First Nation
- Smith's Landing First Nation
- Sturgeon Lake Cree First Nation
- Sucker Creek First Nation
- Swan River First Nation
- Tallcree First Nation
- Whitefish Lake First Nation
- Woodland Cree First Nation

Northwest Territories

- Government of the Northwest Territories

Northwest Territories Aboriginal groups

- Akaitcho Territory Government
- Deninu K'ue First Nation
- K'atlodeeche First Nation
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
- Northwest Territory Métis Nation
- Salt River First Nation #195
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation – Dettah Hayorila
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation – Ndilo Hayorila

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Groups

- Black Lake First Nation
- Clearwater River Dene First Nation
- Fond du Lac First Nation

8.3.2.1.3 Preparation and Review of the Draft EIS Guidelines

During the Pre-Panel Stage, the draft EIS Guidelines were:

- Prepared by BC Hydro (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.4)
- Reviewed and amended by the Agency and the BCEAO
- Reviewed by members of the Working Group (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.5)
- Reviewed by members of the public and, again, by some members of the Working Group, during the public comment period (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.6)
- Reviewed and amended by the Agency and the BCEAO

During the preparation of the EIS Guidelines, members of the Working Group, including Aboriginal groups, government agencies, and members of the public, provided comments and information requests, to which BC Hydro provided detailed responses. The issues raised by Aboriginal groups, government agencies, and members of the public are discussed in Sections 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3 in Volume 1 of this EIS. All comments and information requests, and BC Hydro's detailed responses, are available on the BCEAO and CEA Agency project websites.

8.3.2.1.4 Finalization and Issuance of the EIS Guidelines

During the Pre-Panel Stage, the federal Minister of Environment and the Executive Director of the EAO determined that the EIS Guidelines were adequate. They then finalized the EIS Guidelines. The final EIS Guidelines dated September 5, 2012 were issued by the federal Minister of Environment and the Executive Director of the EAO to BC Hydro on September 7, 2012 (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.8).

8.3.2.1.5 Review of EIS During the Pre-Panel Stage

During the Pre-Panel Stage:

- The Working Group will review the EIS and provide comments and information requests (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.11)
- The EAO and the Agency will make the EIS available for a public comment period of 60 days (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.12)
- BC Hydro will provide detailed responses to the comments and requests from the Working Group (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.11) and to public comments on the EIS received by the EAO and the Agency during the public comment period (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.13)
- The Working Group will consider the public comments and BC Hydro's responses, and provide advice to the EAO and the Agency (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.13)

- After considering the public comments, the comments of the Working Group, and BC Hydro's responses, the EAO and the Agency will, if required, direct BC Hydro to supplement the EIS (B.C./Canada Agreement, Sections 3.11 and 3.13)

8.3.2.1.6 Determination that the EIS is Satisfactory, Submission to the Joint Review Panel, Completion of the Pre-Panel Stage

During the Pre-Panel Stage, the EAO and Agency will determine when the EIS is satisfactory to them, and direct BC Hydro to submit the EIS to the Panel (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.14.).

At that point, the Pre-Panel Stage will be complete (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.14.

8.3.2.2 Joint Panel Review Stage

8.3.2.2.1 Establishment of a Joint Review Panel

A Joint Review Panel will be established pursuant to CEAA 2012 and BCEAA (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 4.1).

The Panel must be established within 260 days of the coming into force of CEAA 2012, subject to the time period being extended in accordance with Section 4.2 of the B.C./Canada Agreement. ~~Since CEAA 2012 came into force on July 6, 2012, pursuant to Order-in-Council (SI/2012-0056), the federal and provincial Ministers of Environment must establish a Joint Review Panel by about March 25, 2013 as the 260th day falls on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Consequently, it is anticipated that the Panel will be appointed during the Project's Pre-Panel Stage.~~

8.3.2.2.2 Commencement and Duration of the Joint Review Panel Stage

The Joint Panel Review Stage will commence when BC Hydro submits the EIS to the Panel (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 3.14).

The Joint Review Panel must satisfy its Terms of Reference and submit its final report to the federal Minister of Environment and to the Executive Director of the EAO within 225 days following the submission of the EIS. This time period does not include any time required by BC Hydro to prepare any additional information required by the Panel (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 4.5).

The federal Minister of Environment and the provincial Minister of Environment do not expect the Joint Review Panel Stage of the assessment, including preparation and submission of the Joint Review Panel Report, to exceed eight calendar months from the date the EIS is submitted to the Joint Review Panel (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 4.6).

8.3.2.2.3 Conduct of the Joint Review

The Joint Review Panel will conduct its review in accordance with the requirements of the CEAA 2012 and associated Regulations, and the requirements in the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 of the B.C./Canada Agreement (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 4.16).

The Panel will conduct its review in a manner that will facilitate the meaningful participation of Aboriginal groups (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 4.17).

8.3.2.2.4 Pre-hearing Review of the EIS

Before commencing public hearings, the Panel will determine whether the EIS is sufficient for the purpose of giving notice of, and holding, public hearings. It must make this determination in accordance with its Terms of Reference (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 4.20).

8.3.2.2.5 Public Hearings

The Joint Review Panel will undertake a public hearing. In accordance with Section 4.21 of the B.C./Canada Agreement, the review must provide opportunities for timely and meaningful participation by:

- Aboriginal groups
- The public
- Governments
- Other interested groups
- BC Hydro

8.3.2.2.6 Joint Review Panel Report

The Joint Review Panel must deliver its Joint Review Panel Report within 90 days of the close of the public hearings (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 4.23).

In the assessment set out in its report, the Panel must include consideration of the factors set out in paragraph 2.2 of its Terms of Reference, the scope of which is set out in the EIS Guidelines.

In respect of the manner in which the Project may adversely affect asserted or established Aboriginal rights and treaty rights, the Panel will receive information and, in its report, make recommendations and describe asserted or established Aboriginal rights and treaty rights, in accordance with paragraphs 2.3, 2.4, and 2.6 of its Terms of Reference. However, under paragraph 2.5 of its Terms of Reference, the Panel will not make any conclusions or recommendations as to:

- The nature and scope of asserted Aboriginal rights or the strength of those asserted rights
- The scope of the Crown's duty to consult Aboriginal Groups
- Whether the Crown has met its duty to consult Aboriginal Groups and, where appropriate, accommodate their interests in respect of the potential adverse effects of the Project on asserted or established Aboriginal rights or treaty rights
- Whether the Project is an infringement of Treaty 8
- Any matter of treaty interpretation

8.3.2.3 Post-Panel Stage

8.3.2.3.1 Draft Referral Package for the Provincial Ministers

In the Post-Panel Stage, for the purposes of environmental assessment of the Project under BCEAA, the Executive Director of the BCEAO will prepare a referral package for the provincial Ministers of Environment and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The referral package will be provided to the Ministers within 45 days of the issuance of the Joint Review Panel Report (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 8.1).

8.3.2.3.2 Publication of the Joint Review Panel Report

Following the 45-day period, the Joint Review Panel Report will be provided to Aboriginal groups and posted on the websites operated by the Agency and the BCEAO (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 8.5).

8.3.2.3.3 Preparation and Finalization of Key Provincial and Federal Documents

A steering committee consisting of senior representatives of the BCEAO and the Agency will be established (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 9.1). Under Section 9.2 of the Agreement, that steering committee will:

> "…discuss elements of the proposed provincial response to and the federal Minister's potential decision on the Joint Review Panel Report, the recommendations and conclusions contained in the Joint Review Panel Report, and key issues and responsibilities respecting these recommendations and conclusions in order for EAO and federal government to prepare and finalize their respective key documents."

The Ministers of Environment of Canada and British Columbia do not expect the finalization of key provincial and federal documents to exceed 84 days from the day the Joint Review Panel Report is made public (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 9.3). Section 9.3 also provides that, during the 84-day period:

> "…Aboriginal Groups will be consulted on the Joint Review Panel Report and the draft provincial and federal consultation and accommodation reports. Comments will be considered by the federal government and EAO and revisions will be made to the draft reports on consultation and accommodation where appropriate."

Aboriginal groups will be entitled to provide separate submissions for inclusion in the Referral Package that will be provided to the provincial Ministers (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 9.4):

> "If Aboriginal Groups do not agree with the conclusions of the Joint Review Panel Report or the sections of the provincial report on consultation and accommodation that relate to their interests, they may provide a separate submission to be included in the Referral Package for the provincial Minister of Environment and the other responsible provincial Minister."

The Executive Director of the BCEAO will finalize the Referral Package for the provincial Ministers of Environment and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 9.5).

8.3.2.3.4 Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment Decision-Making

Within 45 days of receipt of the Referral Package, the provincial Ministers of Environment and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations will make a determination under Section 17(3) of BCEAA. This period of time may be extended by the provincial Minister of Environment (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 10.3; BCEAA, Section 24).

Within 174 calendar days of receipt of the Joint Panel Review Report, the federal Minister of Environment will issue an environmental assessment decision statement with respect to the Project under Section 54 of CEAA 2012. If the federal Minister of the Environment requires BC Hydro to undertake additional studies or collect additional information in accordance with Section 47(2) of the CEAA 2012, the time required by the proponent to prepare and submit this information will not be included in this 174 calendar-day period (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 10.4).

8.3.2.4 Record of the Joint Review

The record upon which the joint review is to be conducted must be maintained in a public registry:

- By the Agency, in compliance with Sections 45(4), 45(5), and 78 to 81 of CEAA 2012 (B.C./Canada Agreement, Sections 5.1, 5.3)
- By the BCEAO, in compliance with Section 25 of BCEAA (B.C./Canada Agreement, Section 5.2)

8.3.3 Preparation of the EIS Guidelines

The EIS Guidelines were drafted, reviewed, finalized, and issued in accordance with the procedure set out in Sections 3.4 through 3.8 of the B.C./Canada Agreement.

8.3.3.1 BC Hydro's Preparation of the Draft EIS Guidelines

BC Hydro prepared and submitted draft EIS Guidelines as required by Section 3.4 of the B.C./Canada Agreement. The draft EIS Guidelines were submitted to the BCEAO and the Agency on January 26, 2012.

8.3.3.2 Review by the EAO, the Agency and the Working Group, and the Public

Separate sets of comments were received from members of the Working Group. In total, the members of the Working Group provided 1,007 comments.

BC Hydro prepared detailed responses to each comment. BC Hydro also prepared separate written summaries, each referred to as a "Topic Summary", with respect to a number of key issues that arose from the comments.

On March 30, 2012, BC Hydro submitted:

- A tracking table with BC Hydro's detailed response to each comment

- A set of Topic Summaries
- Revised draft EIS Guidelines

The BCEAO and the CEA Agency revised the draft EIS Guidelines and, on April 10, 2012, posted the draft for public comment. In the public comment period, members of the public provided comments. In addition, several members of the Working Group also provided further comments. The issues of concern to various Aboriginal groups, various government agencies, and members of the public are discussed in Volume 1 Sections 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3 of this EIS.

On June 1, 2012, BC Hydro submitted its own comments on the version of the draft EIS Guidelines posted by the BCEAO and the Agency on April 10, 2012.

On June 27, 2012, BC Hydro submitted:

- A tracking table with BC Hydro's detailed response to each comment received during the public comment period
- A set of revised and additional Topic Summaries

8.3.3.3 Finalization and Issuance of the EIS Guidelines by the Federal Minister of the Environment and the Executive Director of the BCEAO

On September 7, 2012, after completion of the process prescribed in the B.C./Canada Agreement, the Executive Director of the BCEAO and the Minister of Environment for Canada issued the EIS Guidelines dated September 5, 2012.

8.4 Permitting

In addition to the requirements under CEAA 2012 and BCEAA to conduct an environmental assessment, a number of federal and provincial permits would be required for construction and operation of the Project. Under Section 32 of the *Hydro and Power Authority Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 212, except as otherwise provided under that Act, BC Hydro is not bound by any statute or statutory provision of British Columbia. A list of potential key federal and provincial permits that would be required by BC Hydro for construction or operation is shown in Table 8.1.

Table 8.1 Potential Key Federal and Provincial Permits that would be Required for the Project

Act	Section(s)	Name of Permit	Ministry/Agency	Permit Description or Purpose
Federal				
Canada Transportation Act; Railway Safety Act		Crossing Agreement	CN Rail	Negotiated agreement with the railway covering all construction and maintenance issues
Explosives Act	7(1)(a)	Licence	Natural Resources Canada	Authorization for an explosives factory or magazine explosives licence
Explosives Act	7(1)(b)	Permit to Transport Explosives	Natural Resources Canada	For vehicles used for the transportation of explosives
Fisheries Act	26	Authorization	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	For works or undertakings affecting fish habitat
Fisheries Act	29	Authorization	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	For obstruction of the passage of fish
Fisheries Act	35(2)	Authorization	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	For “harmful alteration, disruption or destruction” (HADD) of aquatic habitat
Fisheries Act	32	Authorization	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	For killing of fish
Migratory Birds Convention Act and *Migratory Birds Regulations*	4	Special Permit	Environment Canada	Impacts or alterations to migratory bird nests or individuals or deposition of deleterious substances that may impact migratory birds
Navigable Waters Protection Act	5	Approval	Transport Canada	For any works built or placed in, on, over, under, through, or across a navigable water
Radio Communication Act	5	Licences	Industry Canada	Authorization for use of radios on-site

Act	Section(s)	Name of Permit	Ministry/Agency	Permit Description or Purpose
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations*	14	Safety Compliance or Permit	Transport Canada	
British Columbia				
Agricultural Land Commission Act	16	Approval	Agricultural Land Commission	To remove land from the Agricultural Land Reserve
Agricultural Land Commission Act	20	Non-farm Use Permit	Agricultural Land Commission	To use land in the Agricultural Land Reserve for a non-farm purpose
Agricultural Land Commission Act	20(4)	Soil Removal Notification	Agricultural Land Commission	For removal of soil, which is considered a non-farm use under Section 20(2)
Commercial Transport Act	8	Crossing Permit	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	For operation of a commercial vehicle along a highway
Commercial Transport Act	8	Approval for oversize loads or bulk haul	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	Approval of oversize, over-height, overweight loads, or bulk hauls on highways
Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act	19(2)	Authorization to disinter or remove human remains	Business Practices and Consumer Protection BC	Refers to human remains not located in a registered cemetery or regulated under the *Heritage Conservation Act* or *Coroners Act*
Drinking Water Protection Act	7 and 8	Construction and Operating Permits	Ministry of Health (Northern Health Authority)	For provision of drinking water related to worker accommodations
Electrical Safety Act – Safety Standards Act		Permits	BC Safety Authority	For electrical services or gas-fired equipment for worker accommodations facilities

Act	Section(s)	Name of Permit	Ministry/Agency	Permit Description or Purpose
Environmental Management Act	14	Permits	Ministry of Environment	For disposal of waste products (effluents, sewage, refuse)
Environmental Management Act – Hazardous Waste Regulation	43	Hazardous Waste Registration	Ministry of Environment	Required to produce, store, treat, recycle, or discharge more than a prescribed quantity of hazardous waste within 30 days
Environmental Management Act – Hazardous Waste Regulation	45	Hazardous Waste Transport Licence	Ministry of Environment	To transport hazardous waste within the province of British Columbia under the conditions as specified on the licence
Environmental Management Act – Contaminated Soil Regulation	55	Contaminated Soil Relocation Agreement	Ministry of Environment	Necessary if soil or sediment is being moved and exceeds a defined "trigger value" in the Contaminated Soil Regulation
Forest Act	113	Cruise Plan Approval	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For Crown timber disposed of under the *Forest Act*
Forest Act	47.4	Occupant Licence to Cut	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Authorizes the cutting, or cutting and removal, of Crown timber from Crown land or private land
Forest Act	52	Authorization	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Authorizes the cutting, or cutting and removal, of Crown timber from Crown land or private land
Forest Act	117–119	Road Use Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For industrial use of Forest Service Roads
Forest Act	115	Special Use Permit and Works Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For construction and maintenance of a road, including construction and maintenance of bridges and other drainage structures
Forest Act – Timber Marking and Transportation Regulation	84	Timber Transport Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	To transport timber from its harvest location

Act	Section(s)	Name of Permit	Ministry/Agency	Permit Description or Purpose
Forest Act – Timber Marking and Transportation Regulation	85	Timber Mark Certificate	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For cut timber before it may be removed from the land where the timber was cut
Forest and Range Practices Act		Variances and Exemptions	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Variances and exemptions for various aspects of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*
Heritage Conservation Act	12	Site Alteration Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Authorizes the removal of residual archaeological deposits once inspection and investigation are completed to the satisfaction of the Archaeology Branch
Heritage Conservation Act	14	Inspection Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Authority to assess the archaeological significance of land or other property
Heritage Conservation Act	14	Investigation Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Authority to recover information that might otherwise be lost as a result of site alteration or destruction
Industrial Roads Act	5	Junction Permit	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	To cross provincial highways with access roads
Industrial Roads Act	16	Approval	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	To act as administrator of an industrial road
Integrated Pest Management Act	6	Permit to use Pesticide	Ministry of Environment	For the use of a prescribed pesticide or class of pesticides
Land Act	48 or 51	Issue of Crown Grant	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Fee simple with full property rights. Section 51 applies specifically to government corporations and bodies.
Land Act	18	Order-in-Council – Land Below Natural Water Boundary	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Order-in-Council required, as *Land Act* does not allow disposition of Crown land below the natural water boundary

Act	Section(s)	Name of Permit	Ministry/Agency	Permit Description or Purpose
Land Act	39	Licence of Occupation (General) General Area Licence of Occupation Licence of Occupation Quarries	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Authorization to occupy and build infrastructure on Crown land
Land Act	38	Lease	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Right to modify the land and/or construct improvements as specified in the tenure contract. The tenure holder has exclusive use.
Land Act	40	Right-of-Way and Easement	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Tenure for linear developments
Land Act	15 and 16	Reserves and Notifications	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	
Land Act	80	Public Road Dedication	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	
Land Act	14	Works Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For construction and use of roads
Land Act	107	Road Dedication	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	
Mines Act	10	Aggregate and Quarry Mine Permit	Ministry of Energy and Mines	For any work in, on, or about a mine. For ≥ 250,000 tonnes per year with blasting.
Mines Act	10	Aggregate and Quarry Mine Permit	Ministry of Energy and Mines	For any work in, on, or about a mine. For < 250,000 tonnes per year, no blasting.
Mining Right of Way Act	3 and 4	Mining Right-of-Way Permit	Ministry of Energy and Mines	Authority to take or use Crown or private land for a right-of-way access to the mine

Act	Section(s)	Name of Permit	Ministry/Agency	Permit Description or Purpose
Public Health Act and *Food Premises Regulation*	8	Food Premises Authorization	Ministry of Health (Northern Health Authority)	For food premises related to worker accommodations
Public Health Act - Sewerage System Regulation	9	Sewage Certification Letter	Ministry of Health (Northern Health Authority)	For disposal of sewage related to worker accommodations
Transport of Dangerous Goods Act	4	Transport of Dangerous Goods	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	
Transportation Act		Approval to Connect to Public Highway	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	
Transportation Act	48	Highway Access Permit	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	For highways that have been designated as "controlled access"
Transportation Act		Infrastructure Upgrade Agreement	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	For upgrades to shoulders, secondary roads, bridges, culverts, resource roads
Transportation Act	60(1)	Permission for Road Closures	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	To close roads during construction
Transportation Act		Utility Permit	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	To construct utilities within the provincial highway right-of-way
Transportation Act	62	Works Permit	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	To construct works within a highway right-of-way
Water Act	12(2)	Water Licence	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Authority to store, use, and/or divert surface water including installation of works

Act	Section(s)	Name of Permit	Ministry/Agency	Permit Description or Purpose
Water Act	26	Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	To authorize the flooding of Crown land, or the construction, maintenance, or operation on the land, of works authorized under a licence or approval
Water Act	44	Order in Council	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Reservation of water
Water Act	8	Approval	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For temporary use of water
Water Act	9	Approval	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For work in and about a watercourse
Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulation	24(1) and E21	Burn Registration Number	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For disposal of non-merchantable materials or materials not removed from site
Wildlife Act	40	Notification for temporary closure	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	Notification if temporary closure to hunting, trapping, and guide outfitting is required during construction
Wildlife Act	19(1)	Wildlife Permit	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations	For capture, killing, removal, or relocation of fish and wildlife. Required for compliance with Sections 9 and 34.