

YESAB Public Registry

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Under the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act*, the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) and the Designated Offices must establish and maintain a public registry containing all the documents related to assessments. These assessment documents will be stored in the YESAB Public Registry where the public will have access to them.

The traditional method of storing assessment records is to maintain a library of paper files. This works well for those people who live near the library, but can make access difficult for those who do not. YESAB will build and maintain a system that will become primarily electronic, but that supports faxes and paper documents for those people who are more comfortable using them.

The YESAB Public Registry referred to in the Act will consist of two components:

- 1) YESAB Online Registry – This is an electronic registry and document management system that will be accessible over the Internet at www.yesab.ca. Everyone who has access to a computer connected to the Internet will have improved access to assessment-related documents.
- 2) YESAB Document Registry – This is primarily a paper-based registry of assessment documents. The Designated Offices will be able to make available paper copies of documents of current assessments. Long term paper file storage will be maintained in Whitehorse.



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YESAB Online Registry

The YESAB Online Registry is intended to be the main tool used by proponents, First Nations, Decision Bodies, regulators, and members of the public to participate in the assessment process. The two main functions of the Online Registry are to provide public access to assessment-related documents and to help people submit documents into the assessment process. It is also being designed so that the public will become aware of new assessments and can track project proposals through the assessment process.



Searching for Documents

Anyone will be able to use the Online Registry to search for and access present and past assessment-related documents. Projects can be identified based on a variety of criteria including project name, proponent name, project activity type, project location, First Nation territory and assessment district. In most cases, all the documents related to an assessment can be read online or downloaded to be read later or printed.



Submitting Comments and Documents

The Online Registry is also being designed to help all those interested in assessments develop and submit assessment-related documents. To access these enhanced features anyone can create a “User Profile” for themselves. This profile identifies who is submitting the document and provides us with contact information in case there are questions or if we need to clarify a submission. Different types of “Users” will be able to develop and submit different types of documents.

Anyone who would like to submit their views or information about a proposed project can submit them on paper or use the Online Registry.

Project Proponents

Project proponents will be able to develop and submit project proposals via the Online Registry. It will provide proponents with extensive interactive help, a logical structure, special tools and direct links that will help in developing their proposals. Proponents will be able to submit their project proposal, actively follow it as it moves through the assessment process and quickly have access to comments and information submitted by others.

Access to the Public Registry

In addition to general access via the Internet, each Designated Office will have a computer available to provide public access to the Online Registry. Paper files containing assessment documents relevant to each assessment district will also be available for the public in the local Designated Office. The main YESAB Document Registry containing all assessment files will be housed in Whitehorse at the same location as the Whitehorse Designated Office. A printer will be available in each Designated Office for those who wish to re-print limited copies of assessment documents.



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