

### ENSURING TRANSPARENCY THROUGHOUT DEVELOPMENT: ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT, FOLLOW-UP AND MONITORING

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## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

**Build transparency** 

Make results available

**Test hypothesis** 

To observe and act upon uncertainties

Follow-up & Monitoring

**Enable learning** 

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## MISSED OPPORTUNITY: BILL C-69

(k) the requirements of the follow-up program in respect of the designated project

"follow-up program means a program for verifying the accuracy of the impact assessment of a designated project and determining the effectiveness of any mitigation measures."

## TYPOLOGY OF FOLLOW-UP & MONITORING

### Compliance

• Ensures terms and conditions are met

### Monitoring

 Identifies nature & <u>causes of change</u>

### Auditing

 Comparison of observations with standards and expectations

### Ex-post evaluation

 Appraisal of information as compared with predictions in EIS

## **ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT**

<u>systematic</u>, "<u>formal process</u> for continually <u>improving</u> management strategies and practices by ensuring <u>learning</u> from and <u>actions</u> related to the outcomes of operational programs"

Nyberg, J.B., & Taylor, B. (1995). Applying adaptive management in British Columbia's forests. Paper presented at the Proceedings of the FAO/ECE/ILO International Forestry Seminar, Prince George, BC. @ para. 2

## Important distinction

## Managing Adaptively

Reactive responses to unexpected results

## Adaptive Management

Planned

vs

Orderly & organized

Proactive learning, designed to capture uncertainties

## EVALUATING FOLLOW-UP AND MONITORING

What should be included

- E.g., issues, methodology, tools, communication
- How to evaluate programs
- E.g., implementation, outcomes, benefits
- Application of Adaptive Management
- E.g., comprehensive definition; deliberate design; learning oriented; transparent decision-making; and have requisite capacity



Developed into 20 questions across the Plan (7) ,Do (5), Evaluate (4) and Adjust (4) cycle.

## CASES

Bipole III Transmission	Clean Environment
Project	Commission
Keeyask Generation	Clean Environment
Project	Commission
Manitoba-Minnesota	Clean Environment
Transmission Line	Commission
Regional Cumulative	Clean Environment
Effects Assessment	Commission
Enbridge Line III Replacement	National Energy Board
Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line	National Energy Board

### REPORT ON PUBLIC HEARING

BIPOLE III TRANSMISSION PROJECT JUNE 2013



MANITOBA-MINNESOTA TRANSMISSION PROJECT

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Case-specific analysis available on Research Gate

## EA DOCUMENTATION

**Company Submission** 

BPIII			
Keeyask			
MMTP			
EL3RP			

### Commission Recommendation + Company Submission

Monitoring

Compliance

BPIII			
Keeyask			
ммтр			
EL3RP			

Auditing

Publicly

available

Ex-post

evaluation

# IMPLEMENTATION: PUBLICLY AVAILABLE MONITORING REPORTS

### Bipole III

	2015	2016
Biophysical monitoring and	1	1
mitigation report		

Updated October 2018

### Keeyask

	2015-16	2016-2017	2017-2018
ATK		1	4
Aquatic effects	8	11	9
Physical effects monitoring	1	1	1
Resource use monitoring	1	1	
Socio-economic monitoring	1	1	1
Terrestrial effects	2	10	20
Zebra mussels			1

## **MONITORING REPORTS**

### https://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/bipolelll/document \_library.shtml

# Annual harvest plans Annual monitoring reports > Biophysical monitoring plans and reports • Biophysical Monitoring Plan (PDF, 1.3 MB) • 2015 Biophysical Monitoring and Mitigation Report (PDF, 3.4 MB) • 2014 Biophysical Monitoring and Mitigation Report (PDF, 2 MB) > > Socio-economic monitoring Plan (PDF, 2.1 MB) Weekly biosecurity monitoring reports

#### Community meetings

Discussions regarding monitoring and mitigation are ongoing. Methods of engagement and summaries of information from meeting minutes with communities can be found on the public registry.

Newsletters

### https://keeyask.com/the-project/environment-andmontoring/preliminary-environmental-protectionprogram/environmental-monitoring-plans/



### 6. Mercury In Plants Monitoring Report

- 7. Habitat Rehabilitation Implementation And Success Monitoring Report
- 8. Colonial Waterbird Habitat Effects Monitoring Report

## **CEC RECOMMENDATIONS**

#.1 Manitoba Hydro... on completion of t<the project> undertake a third-party audit to assess whether predictions were met and to assess the accuracy of assumptions and predictions..

Results made public

Repeated

#.2 Manitoba Hydro develop and maintain... an easily accessible Project-related website to contain all of the information

Retrievable and updated frequently

#.3 Manitoba Hydro provide...an annual report on <the project> containing sufficient detail that assessments can be made as to the accuracy of predictions, success of mitigation actions and commitment to future actions.

Results made public

## EA DOCUMENTATION — ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT MB HYDRO

### Plan

- Improved over time
  - From managing adaptively to
  - Passive adaptive experimentation to
- Inclusion of some active experimentation
- Difference between project type
  - Effort to learn, but learning was siloed
  - Unclear coordination between departments

### Do-Evaluate & Learn- Adjust

### •Need for transparency in these phases

- Unclear human & financial allocation for subsequent stages
- Unclear decision-making process
- Need for clear reporting of changes

- Commitments but lack of resourcing continues to challenge implementation
- •Lack of evidence of implementation from earlier projects

## IMPLICATIONS

### Proponents

- Company- and department- specific approaches
- Lack of cross-sector/institutional learning
- Inadequate compliance

### Boards

- Board-specific
- Recommendations may strengthen design

### Participants

- Importance of cross-case evidence
- Importance for access to information

### Regulators

Missed opportunity



## SUMMARY

### Keeyask construction



### Credit: Ryan Bullock

- Follow-up, monitoring & adaptive management are important
  - Transparency
  - Learning
  - Compliance

• Lack of legislative & regulatory direction challenging

### Jill's Session:

## International progress in regional-scale impact assessment

Patricia's Session, co-hosted by Elder Florence Paynter & Joëlle Pastora Sala

Respecting different worldviews: Opportunities & Unfinished Conversations

Abstract deadline: October 19



## THANK YOU