



Donkin Export Coking Coal Project



Federal Environmental Assessment

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) is conducting a comprehensive study type of federal environmental assessment for the Donkin Export Coking Coal Project.

What is a Comprehensive Study?

A comprehensive study is an environmental assessment with multiple opportunities for public and Aboriginal involvement. At the end of the process, a report is produced which includes the Agency's conclusions and recommendations regarding the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures and whether or not the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

Public Comment Period

The public is invited to comment on the project, the conduct of the comprehensive study and on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines that identify potential environmental effects to be addressed and information that needs to be included in the proponent's EIS. Public comments received will be reviewed and considered before the Guidelines are finalized and issued to the proponent.

Written comments in either official language must be sent **by December 29, 2011 to:**

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Project Details

The proposed project consists of the construction, operation and decommissioning of an underground coal mine facility at the site of the existing Donkin Mine located on the northeastern tip of Cape-Breton in Nova Scotia. The mine would have a lifespan of 30 plus years and extract approximately 3.6 million tonnes of coal per year. The project also includes a coal handling and processing plant that would be constructed to produce coal ready for transfer to a new barge loading facility. The coal would be loaded onto a barge, moved by tug to a new transshipment location, and loaded into ocean going vessels.

Project Location

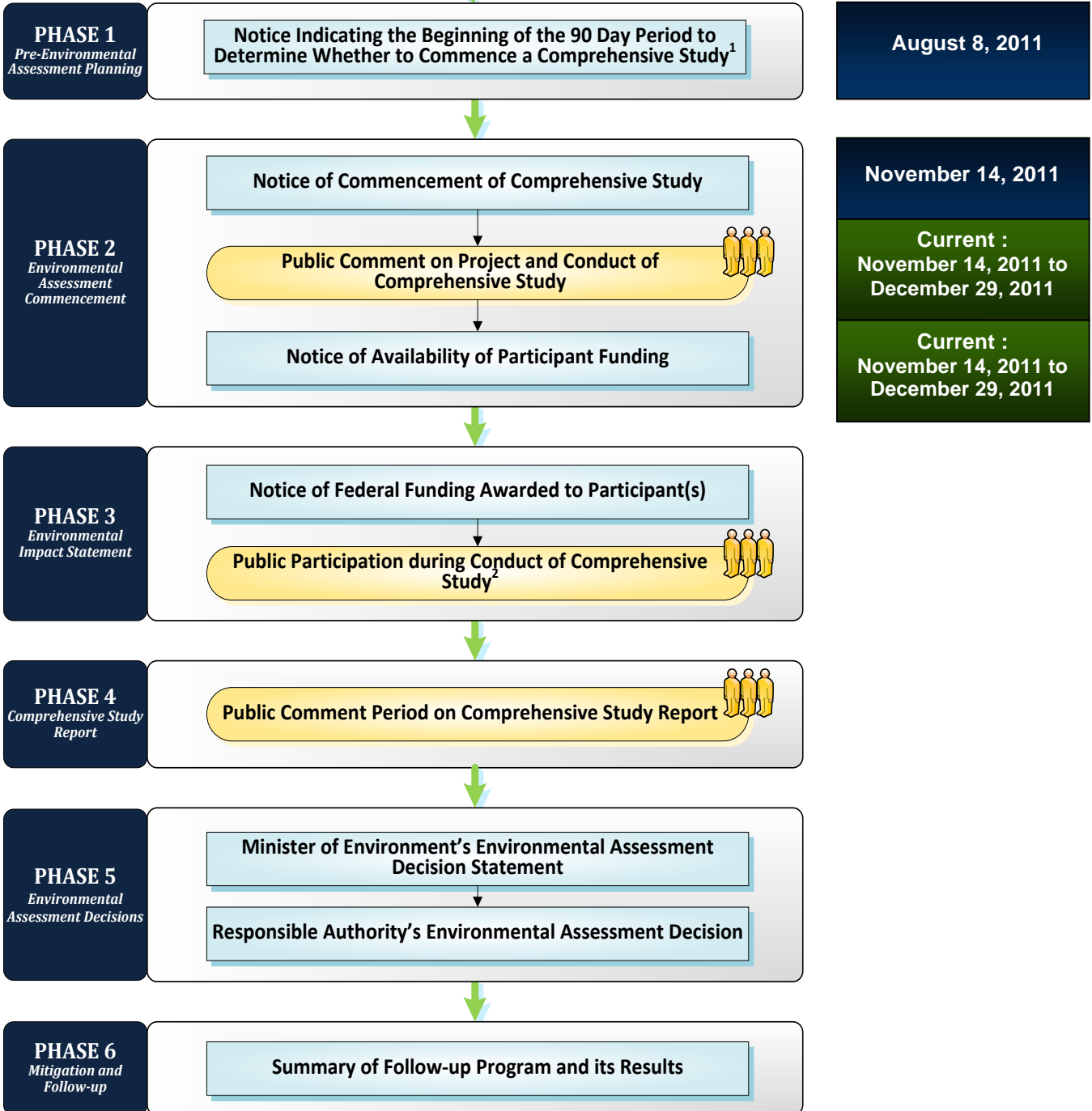


Comprehensive Study Diagram

The comprehensive study for the Donkin Export Coking Coal Project in Nova Scotia is currently in Phase 2 of the comprehensive study process: public comment on the project and conduct of the comprehensive study and notice of availability of participant funding.

Adequate Project Description
Submitted by Proponent 

Timeline



Public participation opportunity
(may be coordinated with other jurisdictions)



Public notice posted on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's Internet Site or Registry Internet Site (www.ceaa.gc.ca)



Aboriginal consultation is a separate process that is integrated throughout the comprehensive study to the greatest extent possible

¹ The Agency must post the notice of commencement of an environmental assessment in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry no later than 14 days after the determination that a comprehensive study should commence.

² Timing and nature of this public participation opportunity can vary depending on the process.