



9 Commitments and Monitoring

9.1 Environmental Commitments

In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the MECP Code of Practice, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by Webequie First Nation during the course of the ToR and the EA process, and how they will be addressed. These commitments may relate to the project construction, operation and maintenance, impact management measures (i.e., mitigation measures), consultation/engagement with other Indigenous communities and compliance monitoring. Commitments made during the ToR process will be included and presented in the final ToR.

WFN is committed to environmental protection, responsible environmental management and overall responsible stewardship of the land, consistent with its cultural/spiritual beliefs and its respect for and connection to the land and water. The Project will be carried out in full compliance with federal/provincial laws and Best Management Practices and environmental procedures for road construction and operations. The EAR/IS will provide information to demonstrate that the road facility is designed, constructed and operated in a manner that makes efficient use of resources, prevents pollution and reduces environmental effects to the greatest extent reasonably achievable.

9.2 Monitoring

Webequie First Nation will prepare a monitoring framework, which will be developed during the EA process. The framework for monitoring would be identified for each project phase (construction and operation and maintenance). As noted in Section 4.4.3 the Project will be operated for an indeterminate time period (i.e., as a permanent facility); therefore, decommissioning/retirement of the Webequie Supply Road is not anticipated, and therefore no monitoring program is proposed to be developed during the EA. Two primary types of monitoring will be developed, as follows:

- › Compliance monitoring; and
- › Effects monitoring.

Compliance monitoring is the assessment and evaluation of whether an undertaking (the Project) has been constructed, implemented and/or operated in accordance with commitments made during the EA process, and any conditions of the EA approval and other approvals required to implement the Project. During the detail design phase for the Project, compliance with EAR/IS commitments will be regularly reviewed and incorporated in the project implementation proposals. Consistent with EAR/IS commitments, it is expected that WFN will continue external notification and engagement/consultation with Indigenous communities, government agencies and stakeholders after completion of the EAR/IS. WFN will also develop a monitoring strategy that sets out how and when all commitments made in the EAR/IS will be fulfilled and how they will report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks about compliance.

The compliance monitoring program will be further described in the EAR/IS, including the preparation of supportive plans, such as an Environmental Management Plan and discipline-specific management plans, to ensure compliance with all commitments identified during the EA process. The duration of the monitoring and follow-up programs will vary and will depend on the conditions of EAR/IS and other applicable permits and approvals granted by regulatory agencies.



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Effects monitoring involves activities designed to verify the prediction of the effects assessment, and to verify the effectiveness of the impact management measures (i.e., mitigation). The effects monitoring program will be developed during the latter stages of the EA process. Both physical and risk-based monitoring of the effects and associated mitigation will be employed, where appropriate.

Construction and operational monitoring will identify actual effects, assess the effectiveness of the mitigation/restoration/enhancement measures to minimize or eliminate these effects, and evaluate the need for any additional action to ensure that environmental commitments and obligations are fulfilled and mitigation measures are effective.

It is anticipated that WFN community members will be actively involved in the implementation of the compliance and effects monitoring programs for the Project.