
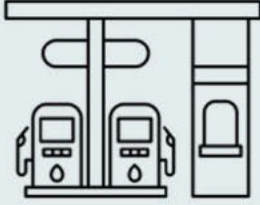



Environment Unit Overview

August 2025



Environment Unit Programs

Environmental Review Process (ERP)	Contaminated Sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The ERP fulfills the requirements under the <i>Impact Assessment Act (IAA)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan Funding Program 
Environment Support to Land Tenure	Solid Waste
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ATR, Lease, Permit, Designation, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative 

Environmental Review Process (ERP)

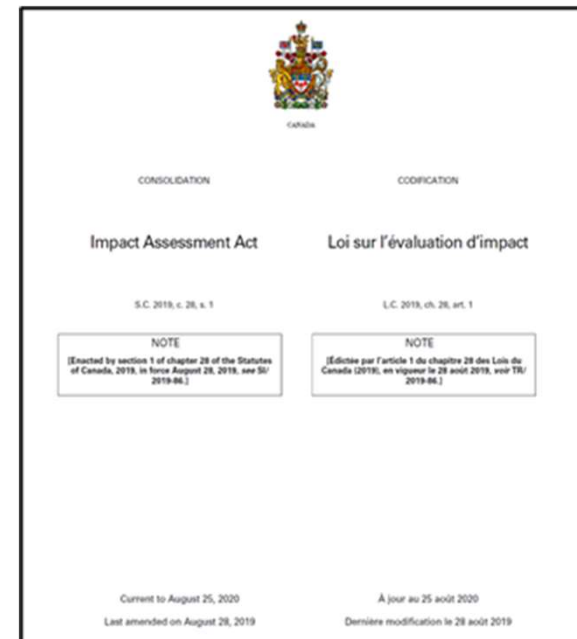
Program Summary:

- Section 82 of the *Impact Assessment Act 2019* (IAA) requires the environmental review of proposed projects on federal lands.
- The Environmental Review Process is a project planning tool used to evaluate and mitigate the environmental effects of proposed projects.

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Why is the ERP important?

- Required by law
- Reduces potential environmental liabilities
- Avoids negative impacts on Indigenous rights and practices
- Ensures:
 - safe work practices,
 - collaboration between stakeholders,
 - awareness for environment,
 - demonstrates due diligence, and
 - compliance with federal environmental legislation
 - (e.g. Species at Risk Act)



When does the ERP Apply?

An environmental review must be completed for projects on Reserve when ISC:

- Provides any **financial assistance** (i.e. funds a project)
- Issues a **statutory authorization** (e.g. permits or leases), or
- Is the **project proponent**.
 - Off Reserve Projects funded by ISC still require a due diligence review

What is a Project?

Definition: A physical activity in relation to a physical work, located on federal lands



Project Description Form



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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► For detailed instructions and guidance refer to the Guide to completing the project description form.

► Complete Sections 1 and 2 then submit to the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Regional Office for review.

1. Environmental review requirement

The project will:

A. Involve physical activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Involve physical works? ☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Take place on reserve land or other federal land? ☐ Yes ☐ No

D. Take place on pre-Addition to Reserve land or Band-owned fee-simple land? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E. Involve funding from Indigenous Services Canada or other federal authorities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", indicate from which authorities

F. Project requires an *Indian Act* land instrument or other federal authorizations? ☐ Unknown ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", provide details on required authorizations

► If "No" to A, B and/or C, or are unsure of any of the above questions, contact the Regional ISC Environment Officer before completing the remainder of the form to determine if your project requires an environmental review.

1.1 Contact information

Proponent representative

Given name	Family name	Position/Role
Telephone number	Email address	
Mailing address (number/street/apartment/P.O. Box)		Postal code

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- If the ERP applies, proponents are asked to complete Sections 1 and 2 of the Project Description form and return it to an ISC Environment Officer.

Contaminated Sites Program

Program Summary:

- Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP)
- This program funds the assessment and remediation/risk management of contaminated sites on reserve for which ISC has taken on the responsibility and liability.

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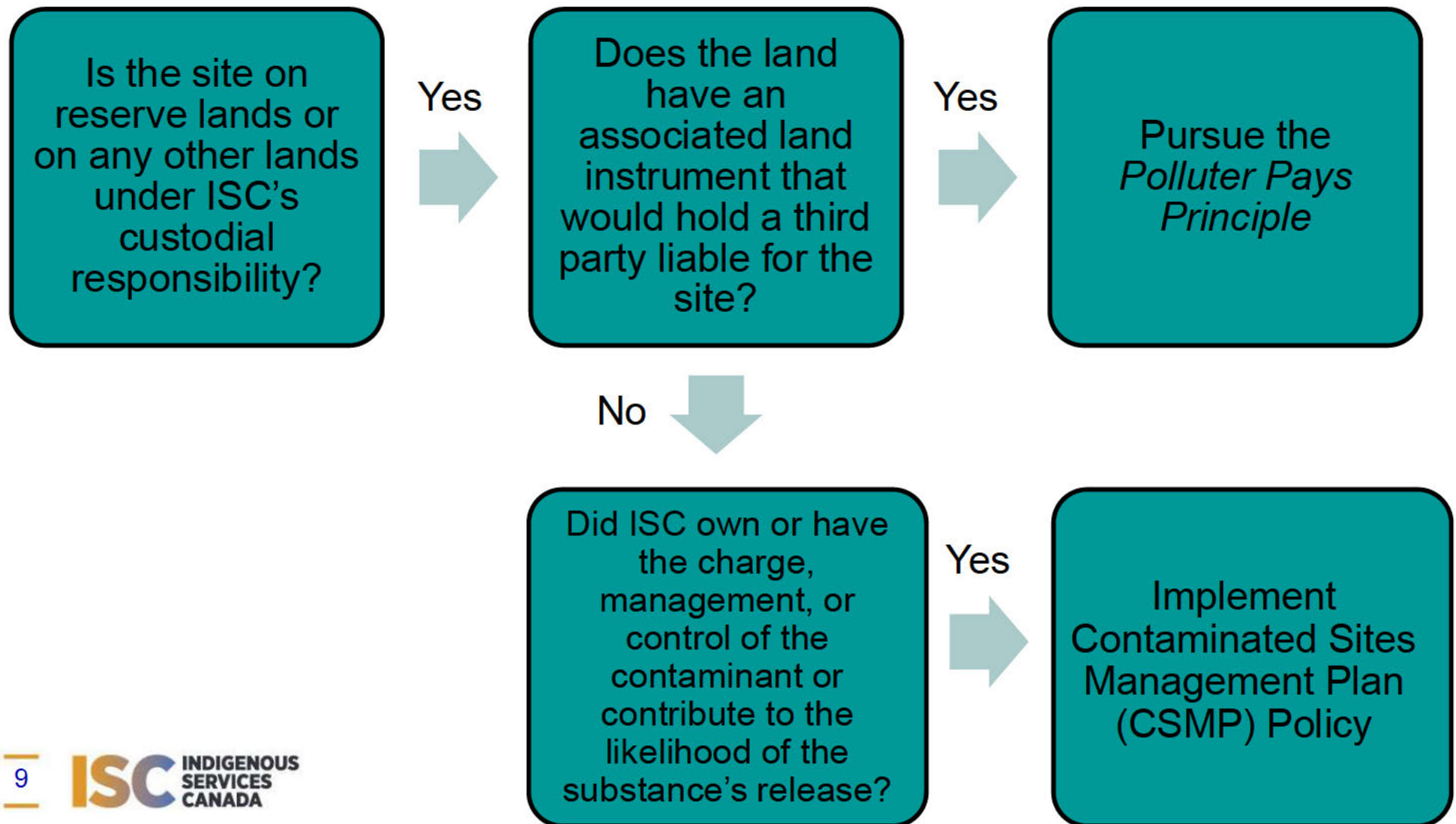
Contaminated Sites Programs

Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP)

- Three types of projects are eligible under FCSAP:
 1. Assessment
 2. Immediate care and maintenance to manage an imminent environmental threat
 3. Remediation and Risk Management action

Liability

Polluter Pays Principle - enacted to make the party responsible for producing pollution responsible for paying for the damage done to the natural environment



Contaminated Sites at Saddle Lake

- Currently completing environmental monitoring work at Walter's Store Site, Housing Site, Ben's Bus Line Site and the Wood Preservative Site
 - Risk Management Plans were completed for Ben's Bus Lines and the Wood Preservative Site in 2019/2020, and both sites are operating under the recommendations in those plans



Contaminated Sites at Saddle Lake

Walter's Store Site

- Pilot program this fiscal to further reduce hydrocarbon impacts at the site



Housing Site

- Monitored natural attenuation is the recommended remedial option



First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative (FNSWMI)

Program Summary:

- This initiative was implemented to help improve solid waste management on reserves by providing funding for feasibility studies, design and construction of infrastructure.
- The initiatives' objective is to provide sustainable waste management solutions specific to each community while maximizing opportunities of employment and business development in the waste management field.



What does FNSWMI fund?

Funding available for:

- Solid waste management feasibility studies
- Infrastructure – design, tender and construction (waste transfer stations, equipment garages etc)
- Purchase of equipment to support facilities (trucks, household carts, roll-off bins)
- Operations and maintenance of solid waste systems
- Community recycling, composting and waste diversion programs
- Clean-up of former waste disposal sites or dump sites in the community
- Education, training and community capacity building

How to apply for FNSWMI funding

- **Operations and Maintenance funding issued to Saddle Lake Cree Nation in Spring 2025**
- Facilities and Equipment Funding is proposal-based. ISC requires submission of quotes and cost estimates to initiate funding process

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Saddle Lake Solid Waste Garage Building

- Completed in Winter 2025 through FNSWMI program
- 4-bay garage at the public works yard to store and maintain the new waste collection vehicles



