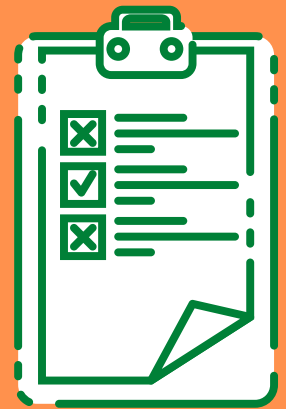


# THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND PROTECTION CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE PROCESS

According to the Environmental Planning and Protection Act, 2019 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2020

## 1. SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PROJECT

- Make an application to DEPP by sending in forms from the First Schedule
  - Part A: Application for Preliminary Review of Proposed Project.
  - Part B: Application for a Certificate of Environmental Clearance
    - \*Must also submit the requisite non-refundable fee and proof of land ownership
- Legal agents of the project proponent can prepare the Application documents ( forms A and Form B)

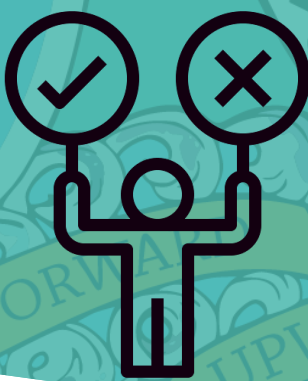


## 2. DEPP RECEIVES DOCUMENTS

- The Director and staff of the DEPP will review the documents and determine whether an EBA, EIA, EMP or further studies are required.

## 3. PROJECT PROPONENT PREPARES REQUISITE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

- **ONLY PRE-APPROVED** Environmental Consultants/Firms can prepare the submitted environmental documents

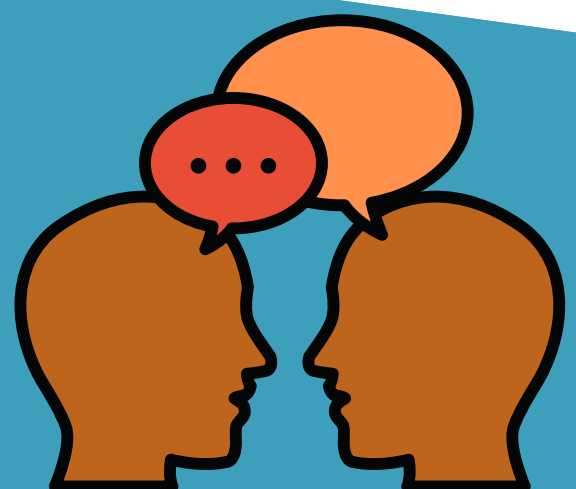


## 4. DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED PROJECT

- The project proponent shall submit digital and physical copies of the environmental documents as specified in the second schedule (2 hard copies and 1 digital copy).

## 5. OBLIGATION TO CONSULT

- Upon submission of the environmental documents the consultation process is required.
- This consultative process shall be carried out as outlined in the EIA Regulations 2020 clauses 8 and 9.



## 6. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- Once the environmental documents have been submitted to the Director, the project proponent shall as soon as practicable give notice in any newspaper published and in general circulation in The Bahamas stating--
  - (a) that the consultative process in respect of a proposed project has begun in accordance with regulation 9;
  - (b) that the environmental documents have been prepared in respect of the proposed projects
  - (c) that the environmental documents have been submitted to the Department for review;
  - (d) a date, place and time where a copy of the environmental documents may be inspected free of charge



## 7. DEPP REVIEWS THE EIA/EMP

- The Project proponent shall be informed of the status of the Environmental Document within sixty days from the date of the submission of the document.

## 8. AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE (CEC)

- Upon satisfying the requirements for a Certificate of Environmental Clearance (CEC), the CEC shall be granted and shall specify any environmental clearance conditions to be complied with.



## 9. RESPONSIBILITY OF PROJECT PROPONENT AND DEPP AS PROJECT PROCEEDS

- The Project Proponent shall implement the project according to the approved EMP.
- The DEPP shall monitor the project's compliance with the approved EMP, throughout construction and operation.

## 10. LACK OF COMPLIANCE

1. If the Department determines that the project is not in compliance with the EMP and Environmental Clearance Conditions, the Department shall notify the Project Proponent of the deficiencies identified in the project.
2. The Project Proponent may address the deficiencies in the project identified by the Department and request that the Department conduct a new inspection and review of the project thereafter.
3. Any person who has received a notice under regulation 15 and fails to remedy the deficiencies identified commits an offence and is liable to a penalty stipulated under section 60 of the Act.



# FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO THESE ARTICLES

**Environmental Planning and Protection Act, 2019**

<http://www.depp.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Ministry-of-the-Environment-Act-2019.pdf>

**Environmental Planning and Protection (Extension of Application) Order, 2020** [https://](https://www.depp.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Extension-of-Act-and-EIA-Regulations.pdf)

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**Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2020**

<https://www.depp.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Extension-of-Act-and-EIA-Regulations.pdf>

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