

What Is The Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Process?

The Municipal Class EA process is a planning and design process that applies to municipal infrastructure projects, including roads, water and wastewater projects, as approved by the Ministry of the Environment in 2000 (as amended in 2007). Depending on the degree of expected environmental impacts, projects are classified in the Class EA document in terms of Schedules.

The key principles of the Class EA process include:

- Consultation with affected parties;
- Consideration of a reasonable range of alternatives;
- Consideration of the effects on all aspects of the environment (i.e. Natural, social/cultural, technical, economic, etc..);
- Systematic evaluation of the alternatives to determine their net environmental effects; and
- Provision of clear and complete documentation.