

March 4, 2021
3:00 pm
Via ZOOM (Online)



Attendance:

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| Alister Wilson, CNRL | Jeff Lennard, Community | Marcie Nieman, AER |
| Bettina van Nieuwkerk, CWL | Jerry Pratt, Clearwater County | Michelle Meatheringham, Chamber |
| Bri Laskosky, Youth | Jerzy Maslanka, Community | Murray Welch, Community |
| Cammie Laird, Clearwater County | Jesse Kirillo, Repsol | Spencer Sinclair, Paramount |
| Chris Sillito, Shell Canada Energy | John Reid, Community | Susan MacDonald, AER |
| Cole Thomson, TC Energy | Josh Pentland, TC Energy | Thalia Aspeslet, Pieridae |
| Darcy Allen, Community | Judy Winter, Community | Rick Anderson, Facilitator |
| Eric Berg, AER | Ken Brophy, Ram Coal | Dawn Thomas, Note taker |
| Evan Kluk, Tervita | Linda Shippelt-Hubl, Community | |
| James Lutes, Bonavista | Lucie Geczi, GOA | |

Introductions:

REVIEW AGENDA:

- Reviewed & approved

REVIEW MEETING NOTES:

- Reviewed February 4, 2021 meeting notes; Approved

UPDATES/ACTION ITEMS:

MEMBER UPDATES/IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

Members present gave verbal updates. Only written updates submitted are included in the meeting notes. Attendees shared activity updates, and information about local events. Please provide any written updates to Rick via email (rick@rickandersonconsulting.com)

- Cole Thomson via chat: <https://www.tcenergy.com/sustainability/indigenous/Journey-towards-reconciliation/>
- Lucie Geczi via chat: <https://www.alberta.ca/canada-alberta-job-grant.aspx>
- Eric Berg: will provide various links with regards to coal discussion in the written update for Rick to circulate.

WRITTEN UPDATES:

AER

GoA Information (not AER specific) but useful for the discussion

GoA

- [1976 Coal Development Policy](#) – link to the current coal development policy in Alberta
- [Map of Land Classification for Coal Categories in the Eastern Slopes](#)
- [Coal policy development engagement](#) – link to information and sign-up for updates from GoA about new coal policy engagement with Albertans

Alberta Energy (AE)– Coal Leases

- AE website - [Interactive Energy Maps](#) – link to AE map showing coal leases in Alberta
- A lease is not a licence to build a coal mine. Applying for or obtaining a coal lease in no way allows for exploration or development. It merely gives a company the ability to “stake a claim” to the minerals below.

Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP)

- Provide Public Land information to companies and their proposed coal development plans regarding environmental and consultation considerations & requirements via existing Protective Notations (PNT) registered on the land.

AER Information

The AER regulates the full life-cycle of coal development in Alberta – exploration, operation, closure.

- Local status update
 - Valory Resources Inc. and Black Eagle Mining Corp Coal Exploration Permit (CEP) for their Blackstone coal project
 - Currently in exploration phase - determining & proving up resources
 - Ram River Coal Corp –Aries Project
 - AER has not received any update or application for exploration in three years
 - An approved Coal Exploration Permit does not entitle a company to a Coal Mine Permit or Licence. Those are separate application processes. See the AER’s Coal application process flow chart below.
 - [AER Decisions](#) – search for application decisions and documents (including coal exploration and coal mines)
- 1 new Coal Mine application is currently before the AER - [Benga Mining Limited/Grassy Mountain Coal Project](#) (Crownsnest Pass area) – a link to AER website for more information.
 - A Joint Review Panel with the federal government held a Hearing on this application which closed on January 15, 2021. A decision is expected mid-June 2021.
 - The Benga Mine project proposal and application have been underway for several years.

[Operating and Abandoned Coal Mines in Alberta](#): - a link to the AER website that provides detailed information on number of mines, coal reserves, production and disposition, by coal type and by destination in Alberta.

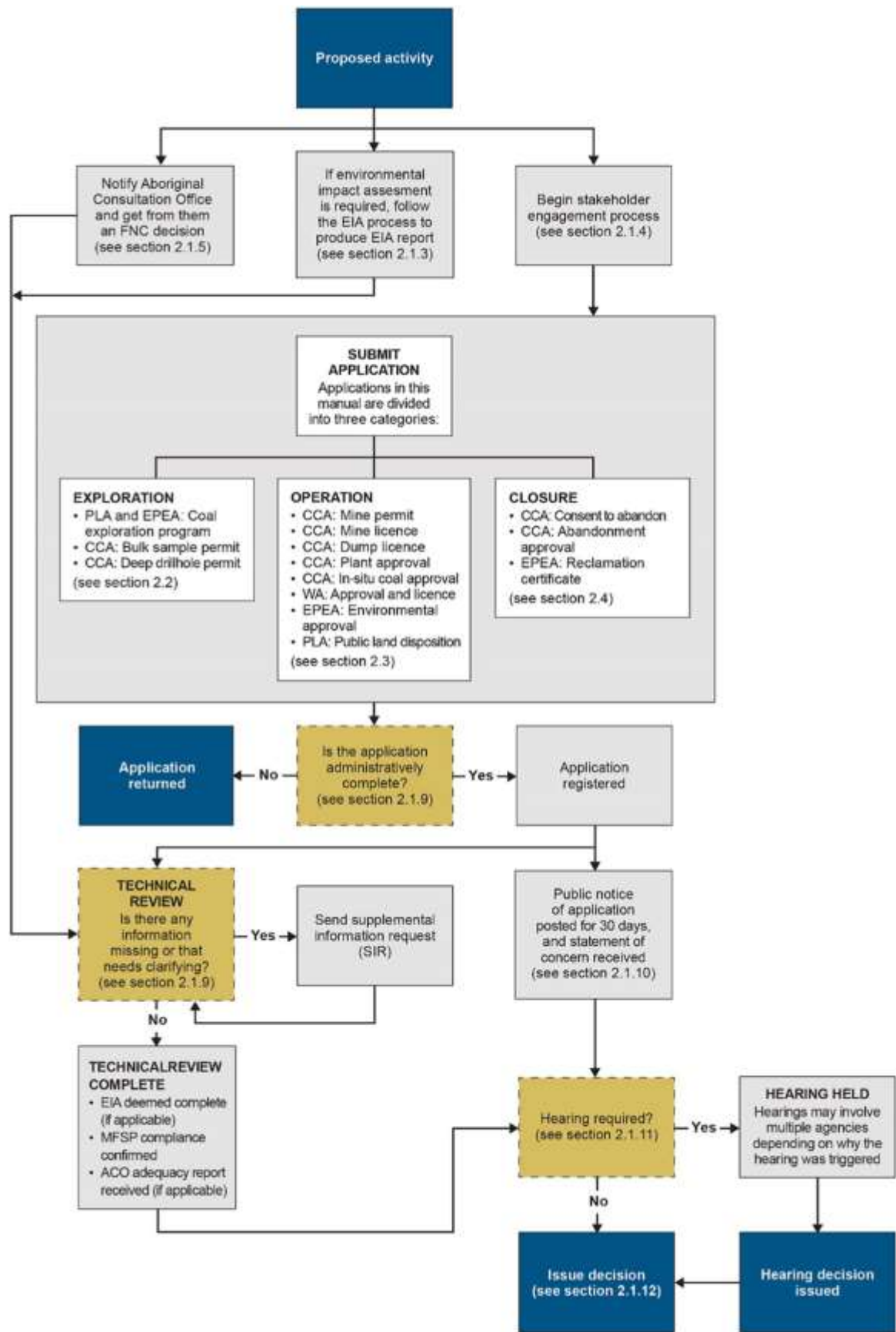
[Coal Mining Authorizations](#) on the AER webpage

The AER considers each unique application based on its merits and under the applicable Specified Enactments. For coal developments those Specified Enactments include: the Responsible Energy Development Act, the Coal Conservation Act, the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Public Lands Act, the Water Act, and the Mines and Minerals Act (Part 8).

- Applications – All proposed coal projects are subject to stringent review by the AER. In many cases, federal impact assessment and joint federal-provincial review also occur. Projects can only proceed if approved through these rigorous regulatory processes and adhere to all existing laws and regulations. See the AER coal application process flow chart below.

New applications submitted to the AER are posted for 30 days on the [Public Notice of Application](#). If a member of the public believes that they are directly and adversely affected by a coal development application they can submit a [Statement of Concern](#) – a link with more information

As per the process flow chart below, an application may require [Hearing](#) – a link to information about the AER Hearing process.



DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Future Meetings**

- What is the group wanting to do once restrictions lift to a point of having in person meeting?
 - Many of the companies have COVID protocols in place that are discouraging in person meetings. Some are looking at September 2021 until in person meetings will be entertained.
- Suggested to do a hybrid meeting and for those comfortable with in person can meet and others could attend via ZOOM.
- May need to look at an alternate venue to allow for adequate internet connection.

- **Future Topics**

- Send ideas or suggestions for future discussion topics to Rick @ rick@rickandersonconsulting.com

Next Meeting(s):

April 1, 2021 via ZOOM

3:00-5:00 pm