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**Subject: Update on the proposed environmental assessment regulation for
municipal infrastructure**

Good afternoon,

I am writing to share an update on the proposed Municipal Project Assessment Process (MPAP), a new environmental assessment (EA) regulation for certain municipal infrastructure projects. If implemented, this regulation would replace the current Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA).

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) continues to modernize Ontario's EA program. Our goal is to reduce delays for critical infrastructure projects, while maintaining strong environmental protections and opportunities for public consultation.

Background

In March 2023, we posted an initial proposal on the Environmental Registry to review EA requirements for municipal infrastructure projects.

In February 2024, we began consulting on a more detailed proposal for regulations under Part II.4 of the amended Environmental Assessment Act. These regulations would identify municipal projects subject to the streamlined EA process outlined in the proposed MPAP regulation.

Next steps

We appreciate the feedback received so far. In response to input received during earlier consultations, we are considering changes to the February 2024 proposal. These updates are outlined in the [updated proposal posting](#).

The ministry is seeking your input as we finalize the streamlined EA project list and process regulation.

Provide comments

For details on the updated proposal and to provide your input, visit:
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7891>.

The comment period is open until **February 3, 2026 (60 days)**.

If you have questions, please contact the EA Modernization team at:
EAmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued engagement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Cross".

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