

Multi-Site Phase I ESA for B.C. First Nations



Project Profile

6 Indian Reserves comprising 2 towns and 3 villages/settlements in Fort St. James area required Phase 1 ESAs in preparation for governance transfers.

Issue

The remote location of several of the Reserves, sporadic availability of knowledgeable persons, and dispersed or poor documentary evidence of past activities and environmental issues provided logistical challenges to complete a thorough and timely report.

Solution

An iterative approach to data collection was required. Easily available public, government, and First Nation's records were sourced and reviewed in advance of field activities. Knowledgeable persons were identified and a single field program designed to take advantage of their availability for interviews and escorted site visits.

Outcome

Completed comprehensive report including copies of all verbal and documentary evidence collected, and identifying outstanding and previously addressed environmental concerns.