

Commission, participated in a group of experts on scientific aspects of marine pollution and helped to develop a global environmental monitoring system, an integral part of the Earthwatch program.

1.6.3 Environmental assessment and review process

A federal environmental assessment review office administers this process which requires consideration of environmental consequences of federal projects including activities that are initiated or sponsored by federal departments and agencies, that receive federal funds, or involve federal property. All departments and agencies are subject to the process, except proprietary Crown corporations and regulatory agencies which are invited to participate. Departments and agencies screen proposed projects for potential adverse effects. If effects are not apparent, a more detailed evaluation is made. At either of these stages, the project may be accepted, modified, or rejected. When the potential environmental effects may be significant, the project is referred to the assessment review office for a formal public review by an independent environmental assessment panel.

The panel issues guidelines for an environmental impact statement that is prepared by the project proponent. As part of its review, the panel holds public meetings in communities near the proposed project site to hear comments about the proposal. It submits a report to the minister of the environment which describes the major potential impacts and contains recommendations on project implementation. Decisions on the recommendations are made by the minister of the environment and the minister of the initiating or sponsoring department.

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