

Environmental Guide for Transmission and Distribution Construction

The following environmental factors should be considered when beginning construction of any project. These factors should be discussed before work begins:

1. Screening Results

If there are environmental screening results included in the work package please consider the following questions:

- Are nest sweeps required?
- Are species surveys required?
- Are there restriction dates?
- Is a closure report required?
- Is a heritage resource impact assessment required.
- Is an environmental/archaeological monitor required?
- Do the screening results indicate that a permit is required?
- Any other concerns identified in the screening results.

2. Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs)

- Are BMPs identified for this project? Which ones?
- Can you meet the requirements of the BMPs?

3. Permits - Is there a permit for this project?

If yes:

- What is the expiry date?
- Will construction be complete before the expiry date?
- Are there restriction dates?
- Are specific land locations or land features identified?
- Does the permit require notification to the regulator before and after construction?
- Is an environmental monitor required?
- Can you meet the permit conditions?

4. Habitat

- Will work impact/occur within suitable nesting habitat:
 - Grassland/pasture areas?
 - Treed areas?
 - Wetland areas?

If yes, then nest sweeps will be required.

- If less than 400 m completed by crew/contractor.
- If greater than 400 m completed by environmental consultant.

- Will work impact/occur within wetlands?
 - Is there standing water?
 - Are there bull rushes present?
 - Are soils saturated?

If yes to the above, is the wetland being cultivated or hayed through?

- If cultivated then continue working. If neither, then treat as a wetland. Contact Environment if a permit is needed.
- If hayed then treat as habitat.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact your Environmental Specialist or the Environmental Assessment Resource Specialist for your project.