



Guide to the Administrative Regulations

A number of regulations have been passed to address specific aspects of the Yukon's *Environment Act*. In 1997, Administrative Regulations were passed to enable the Department of Environment to fully operate the environmental protection program.

There are five major components of the regulations:

1. Application for Investigation Form

The Application for Investigation form is Schedule A of the Administrative Regulations, available here: http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/oic1997_029.pdf. Using this form, any two Yukon residents can request an investigation under the *Environment Act*, *Wildlife Act*, *Parks Act* or parts of the *Public Health Act*. This form must be submitted with a declaration swearing that the information contained within it is accurate.

2. Proposals Exempt from Public Consultation

Most proposals associated with the *Environment Act* have a mandatory 60-day public consultation period. But some proposals are exempt because they are:

- administrative regulations in which the public would have little or no interest, such as ones concerned with changing forms;
- regulations that the public cannot change, such as parts of land claim agreements that must be made by regulation.

Regardless, government must still consult with people who may be affected by any proposed regulation, even ones that are included on this exemption list.

3. Notice of Permit Suspension or Cancellation

The regulations indicate how public notification must be carried out when an *Environment Act* permit is cancelled or suspended.

4. Environmental Protection Order Forms

These forms allow either the Minister or an Environmental Protection Officer to order actions to be taken to protect the environment or public health.

5. Environmental Analytical Laboratories

These laboratories analyze substances that may be harmful to the environment. Such laboratories must be certified before any of their results may be used as admissible evidence in court, without further proof of laboratory credentials. The regulations define the criteria needed for certification.

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