

Port Alma

WIND POWER PROJECT

The Environmental Screening Process

Two Environmental Assessment (EA) Acts apply to the project:

- The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) is overseen by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.
 - This Act applies to projects where the federal government has decision-making authority such as issuing a permit or approval, providing funding, or allocating land.
 - In this case, Kruger Energy Group is applying for the Wind Power Production Incentive, managed by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). This makes NRCan the “responsible authority,” meaning that NRCan makes sure the project meets CEAA requirements.
 - The project is required to undergo an Environmental Screening (ES)
- The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) is overseen by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE).
 - In Ontario, the Environmental Assessment Process is guided by Ontario Regulation 116/01 - *Electricity Projects*. This regulation makes electricity projects subject to the EAA, and sets out the requirements for the EA process.
 - The project is classified as *Category B* under the *Electricity Projects* regulation and has to undergo an Environmental Screening Process (ESP).

Since consultation with the public and with government agencies is one of the most important parts of the ESP, the process works best when local stakeholders get involved

The EA process also includes natural environment and socio-economic studies (*please take time to view and comment on the background information displays*).

An Environmental Screening Report is produced that can satisfy the requirements of both levels of governments