

# Fee Schedule For Environmental Assessment

Effective April 1, 2008, the following fees will be applied to all undertakings required to register for environmental assessment as identified under the Environmental Assessment Regulations. Fees have been increased 1.9 per cent since the last government-wide increase to user fees and government charges, in April 2007.

Environmental assessments are a time consuming and exacting job that are crucial in maintaining the environment and protecting public health. In most cases the fees charged represent only a portion of the actual cost of performing the assessment. If you have any questions regarding these fees please contact the Environmental Assessment Branch at (902)424-3230. The fee schedule is as follows:

## 1. Fees

(A) Category I* Environmental Assessment Registration	\$15,519.42
(B) Category II* Environmental Assessment Registration	\$10,027.94
(C) Category III* Environmental Assessment Registration	\$5,730.25
(D) Approval Transfer**	\$596.34
(E) Focus Report***	\$5,969.00
(F) Environmental Assessment Report***	\$15,519.42
(G) Additional Information Request***	½ Registration Fee

\* Activities requiring an Environmental Assessment are identified by Category in Attachment #1.

\*\* This fee applies where an approval is transferred from one proponent to another.

\*\*\* These additional fees only apply to Category II & III undertakings and only if and when the Minister decides this information is required.

## 2. Hearings and Panel Reviews

- (A) All costs associated with Environmental Assessment Board reviews and hearings.
- (B) All costs associated with joint federal-provincial environmental assessment panels.

All cheques are to be made payable to the Minister of Finance and submitted to the Environmental Assessment Branch Secretary, NSE, 5151 Terminal Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, PO Box 442, Halifax, NS B3J 2P8. All fees are due at the time of document submission and documents will not be considered received until submission of the appropriate fee.

**Attachment #1  
(updated April 2009)**

**Environmental Assessments According to Category**

**Category I**

1. heavy water plant
2. pulp mill
3. petrochemical plant
4. cement plant
5. oil refinery other than an oil refinery listed as a Class I Undertaking
6. metal smelter
7. lead acid battery plant
8. ferro-alloy plant
9. facility for the manufacture, processing or reprocessing of radioactive materials
10. Energy generating facilities, other than emergency generators, that have:
  - i) a production rating of more than 25 MW derived from hydroelectricity;
  - ii) a daily fuel input rating of more than 31 000 GJ derived from natural gas;
  - iii) a daily fuel input rating of more than 2500 GJ derived from fossil fuels other than natural gas;
  - iv) a daily fuel input rating of more than 10 000 GJ from fuels other than fossil fuels, but excluding solar power.
11. water reservoir where the designed storage capacity exceeds the mean volume of the natural water body by 10,000,000 m<sup>3</sup> or more
12. facility for the incineration of municipal solid waste

**Category II**

13. facility engaged in producing fish meal
14. rendering plant
15. onshore pipeline 5 km or more in length excluding a pipeline of any length carrying natural gas with a maximum operating pressure below 500 psig (3450 kPa), water, steam or domestic wastewater
16. facility engaged in the extraction or processing of metallic and non-metallic minerals, coal, peat, peat moss, gypsum, limestone, bituminous shale or oil shale
17. pit or quarry in excess of 4 ha in area primarily engaged in the extraction of ordinary stone, building or construction stone, sand, gravel or ordinary soil
18. the construction of a new paved highway that is longer than 2 km and is designed for 4 or more lanes of traffic, or longer than 10 km and is designed for 2 or more lanes of traffic

19. storage facility with a total capacity of over 5000 m<sup>3</sup> intended to hold liquid or gaseous substances including, but not limited to, hydrocarbons or chemicals, but excluding water
20. electric generating facility which has a production rating of 2 megawatts or more derived from wind, tides or waves.
21. corridor for 1 or more electric power transmission lines that have a cumulative voltage rating equal to or greater than 345 kVA
22. Energy generating facilities, other than emergency generators, that have:
  - i) a production rating of at least 2 MW and no more than 25 MW derived from hydroelectricity, other than run-of-the-river facilities under 10 MW,
  - ii) a daily fuel input rating of at least 11 000 GJ and no more than 31 000 GJ derived from natural gas,
  - iii) a daily fuel input rating of at least 250 GJ and no more than 2500 GJ derived from fossil fuels other than natural gas,
  - iv) a daily fuel input rating of at least 4000 GJ and no more than 10 000 GJ derived from fuels other than fossil fuels, but excluding solar power.
23. a natural gas processing plant
24. a paper product manufacturing plant
25. oil refinery other than an oil refinery listed as a Class II Undertaking

### **Category III**

26. facility for storing, processing, treating or disposing of waste dangerous goods
27. facility for treating, processing or disposing of contaminated materials
28. project which involves the transfer of water between drainage basins where the drainage area to be diverted is greater than 1 km<sup>2</sup>
29. enterprise, activity, project, structure or work which disrupts a total of 2 ha or more of any wetland
30. facility for the manufacture of wood products that are pressure treated with chemical products