

Putting Health in Environmental Assessment

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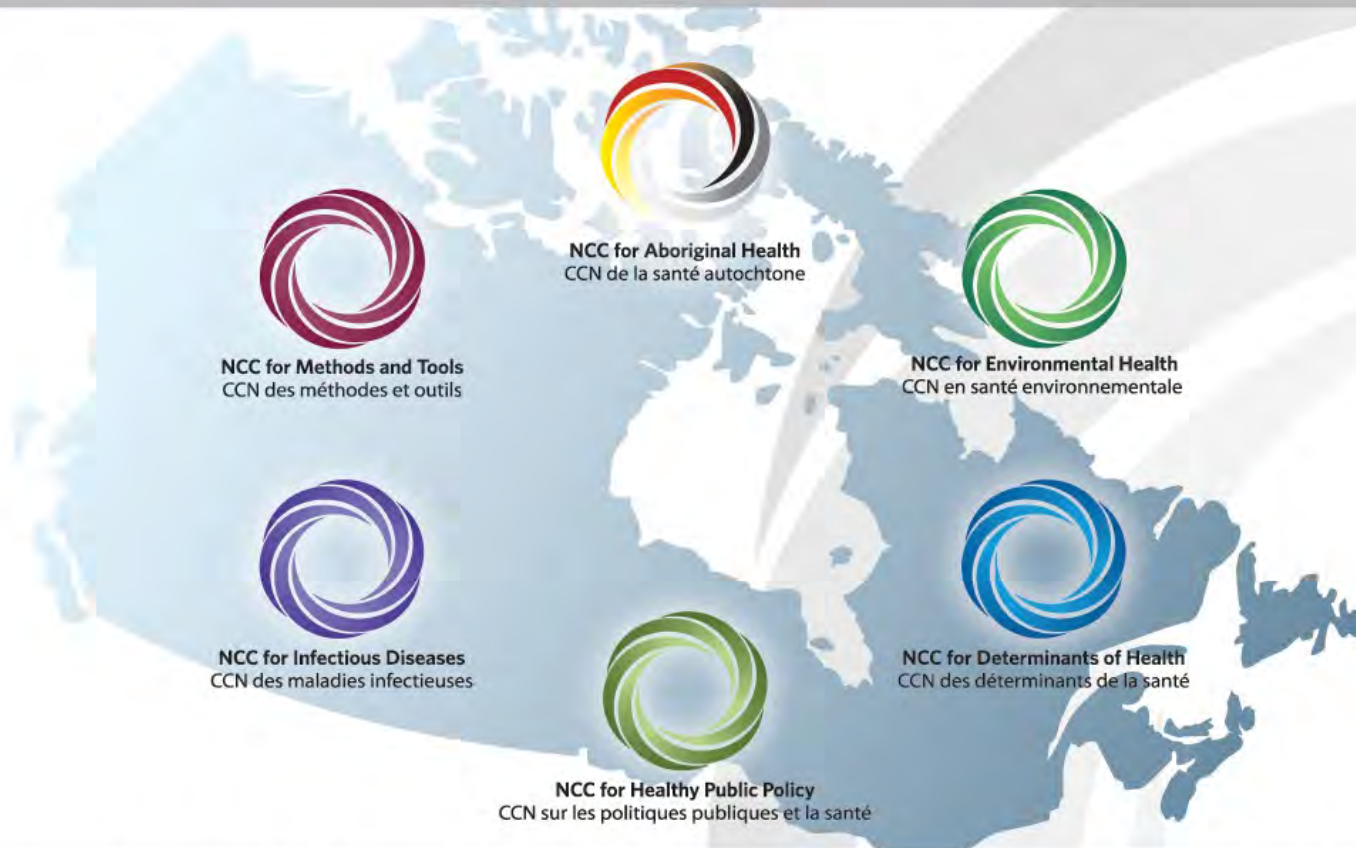
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Focus

- Health risks associated with the environment and evidence-based interventions to reduce those risks

Functions

- Knowledge synthesis, translation and exchange articles, postings, webinars, and conferences
 - Resources for Canadian environmental health practitioners and policy-makers
- Identify key gaps in environmental health research and practice knowledge; advocate for and/or fill them
- Build and develop networks of environmental health practitioners, policy makers and researchers in Canada.



Session Outline

Overview

- Emily Peterson
- (NCCEH)

Overview of Health Canada's participation in federal environmental assessment

- Nicole Cote
- (Health Canada)

Integrating health into environmental assessment at the local level, experiences and challenges

- Ronald Macfarlane
- (Toronto Public Health)

Readiness of BC's health authorities to stand for health in mandated environmental assessments

- Tom Kosatsky
- (BC Centre for Disease Control)

Discussion

Objectives



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- ✓ Learn more about environmental assessments (EA) and the inclusion of health in EA
- ✓ Share experiences and challenges of working on EAs across Canada
- ✓ Expand our thinking about where public health fits into the EA picture
- ✓ Identify ways to promote health as a partner in formal EA processes

Environmental Assessment

What is it?

- A formal process used to examine the environmental effects of proposed initiatives
- Inform decisions to accept, reject or modify a proposed project or development application
- Conducted at the federal level and by all provinces and territories

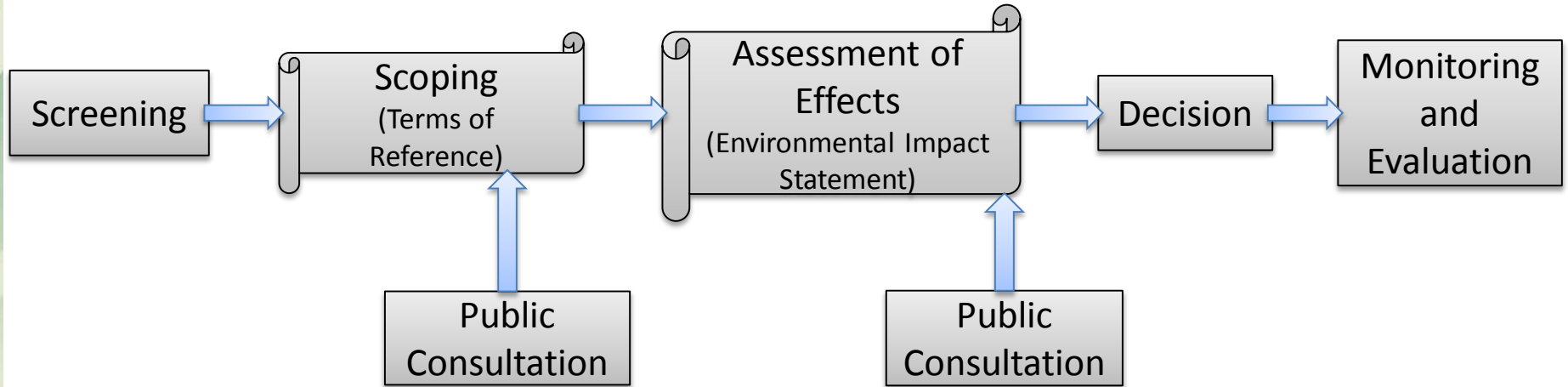


EA participants

- Ministries (lead and others)
- Project proponents
- Public, directly or as interveners
- First Nations
- Consultants, subject matter experts



EA: Basic Steps



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