

Ontario Air and Noise Best Practices

Topic	Pre-submission Consultation	Date: August 26, 2010 Version 1.0
Purpose	To provide guidance on when to engage the local District Office on s.9 Certificate of Approval Applications	Page 1 of 1

Applications are typically posted to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry for public review and comment. In most circumstances, additional consultation is not required by the Section 9 process. However, an applicant may be required to make notification under other legislative requirements, or conduct ongoing public consultation/ notification at the facility with a community liaison group or public groups with an interest in the application. Further information is documented in the Guide to Applying <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/4174e.pdf>.

If there is the potential for significant local concerns, the applicant may consider contacting the local District Office prior to making the application. The following are examples of when pre-consultation may be required or should be considered:

- Legacy concerns associated with the site (i.e., odour, noise, etc.)
- Facility processes and activities include new technology or unknown technology, which are not currently permitted within the province
- Facility processes and activities may require additional technical studies (i.e., flare assessment, fogging and icing, odour, etc.)

The above are only provided as examples; there may be other circumstances for which pre-consultation is required. If the applicant is unsure, contact the local District Office.

Best Practice developed by the Best Practices Committee.