

Frequently Asked Questions

Was there any work completed by the C-NLOER prior to receipt of the Development Plan Application?

Significant work was completed by C-NLOER staff prior to application submission by Equinor. This includes pre-engagement technical overview sessions, topic-specific technical sessions, subsurface workshops and early technical assessment of geoscience and engineering models.

Will environmental issues be reconsidered during this review?

Prior to receipt of the DPA package, the Bay du Nord Project underwent a rigorous environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), led by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC). On April 6, 2022, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada determined that, following the application of mitigation measures, the Bay du Nord Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. This decision was based on information provided by Equinor in the "[Bay du Nord Development Project Environmental Impact Assessment](#)".

The Decision Statement sets out 137 legally binding conditions that Equinor must comply with throughout the life of the project. As per the *Impact Assessment Act*, the C-NLOER is responsible for enforcing the conditions in the Decision Statement.

Will the Benefits Agreement with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador be part of the C-NLOER Public Review?

Equinor and the provincial government signed a Benefits Agreement on March 3, 2026, covering specific commitments related to the Bay du Nord project. The C-NLOER is not a party to the Benefits Agreement process, and specific commitments contained in the Benefits Agreement are not part of the C-NLOER Public Review.

Will the Development Application be available in French?

Certain documents of the application will be available in French on the C-NLOER's French website. Translation is currently ongoing.

Where can I find more information as the review progresses?

Information about the application, review process and participation opportunities will be posted on the C-NLOER website at www.cnloer.ca.

Updates will be posted throughout the review to support transparency and public awareness.