

Health Concerns

about oil & gas development in northeastern BC?



we're here to listen

Do you have concerns about possible risks to human health that relate to oil and gas development in Northeastern BC? If you do, here is an opportunity to share those concerns. Your participation is needed for Phase 1 of a three-phase Human Health Risk Assessment by the BC Ministry of Health.

Phase 1 is focused on identifying health issues and concerns that will inform the terms of reference for Phase 2 of the Human Health Risk Assessment. The Fraser Basin Council, an impartial, non-profit organization, is carrying out Phase 1 on behalf of the Provincial Government. We welcome comments from individuals and organizations. There is no required form — you are free to state your concerns as you wish.

Please don't wait – participate! The deadline for comments is **March 7, 2012.**

FOUR WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- 1 ONLINE**
Visit our project website at www.hhra.ca to submit your comments online
- 2 EMAIL**
Send us your comments by email (or email attachment) to info@hhra.ca
- 3 TOLL-FREE LINE**
Leave comments on our toll-free line: **1-855-664-4472**
- 4 MAIL**
Send your comments by regular mail: **HRRA – Phase 1, c/o Fraser Basin Council, 1st Floor, 470 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1V5**

Do you want to talk to us? The Fraser Basin Council is also scheduling a number of one-on-one meetings with interested individuals, organizations, environmental groups and community groups — by phone or in person — in Northeastern BC. To request a meeting with us, contact Yvonne Nichols by email (info@hhra.ca) or leave a message on our toll-free line.

Questions? See next page. Also visit our website at www.hhra.ca
We need to receive your comments by March 7, 2012.

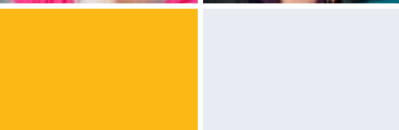


About the Human Health Risk Assessment

The Human Health Risk Assessment is a three-phase project organized by the BC Ministry of Health to identify, explore and assess concerns about human health relating to oil and gas development in Northeastern British Columbia. Phase 1, the public engagement process to identify health concerns, is being carried out by the Fraser Basin Council, which will deliver a report to the Minister of Health at the end of March 2012.

About the Fraser Basin Council

The Fraser Basin Council is a charitable, non-profit society that advances sustainability in the Fraser Basin and across BC. We bring people together to find collaborative solutions, with a focus on healthy water and watersheds, climate change and air quality, and community sustainability and resilience.



Questions & Answers

about the human health risk assessment – phase 1

a few things you'll want to know



WHAT IS THE HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT? WHAT HAPPENS IN PHASE 1?

The Human Health Risk Assessment is a three-phase project of the Province of British Columbia, led by the BC Ministry of Health. The project will identify, explore and assess concerns about human health risks relating to oil and gas development in northeastern British Columbia. The full risk assessment consists of three phases: 1) a public engagement to identify health concerns, 2) a human health risk assessment based on findings from Phase 1 and 3) a report to the Province, stakeholders and the public.

Phase 1 of this project – carried out by the non-profit Fraser Basin Council – is public engagement aimed at **identifying health concerns**.

WHY IS THE ASSESSMENT NEEDED?

Many people and groups have raised questions about the health and safety of oil and gas development in the northeast. The Human Health Risk Assessment process is an initiative aimed at identifying these concerns, understanding whether health risks exist, and developing recommendations for future action.

CAN ANYONE RAISE CONCERNS?

Yes – Phase 1 is about identifying human health concerns. Any individual or organization with a concern to express is invited to send comments to the Fraser Basin Council. This includes members of the public who live and work in areas where oil and gas development is taking place, citizens groups interested in the issues, environmental and community groups, and other individuals, authorities and organizations that can help identify human health concerns.

The Fraser Basin Council is taking steps to contact individuals and organizations that may have comments, including federal, provincial, local and First Nations governments, health organizations, citizens groups, academic researchers and industry officials and workers, and others. **If you or someone you know may want to get involved, don't wait - participate! The deadline for comments is March 7, 2012.**

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

There are several ways. You can offer comments (by March 7) via the project website, by email (or email attachment), by regular mail, or through a toll-free telephone comment line. For details, see reverse. Also, visit our website at www.hhra.ca.

There will also be opportunity for some organizations or individuals to meet one-on-one with the Fraser Basin Council, by telephone or in person. To request a meeting, please contact Yvonne Nichols at the Fraser Basin Council (info@hhra.ca) or leave a message on our toll-free line: **1-855-664-4472**.

WILL MY IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

The Phase 1 report will include a general synopsis of concerns that the Fraser Basin Council has received from organizations and individuals. Organizations that submit comments will be listed in the report along with their submissions.

To protect the privacy interests of individuals who provide comments, however, the Fraser Basin Council will not list their names in the report unless they opt to have their names listed as participants.

HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE?

Visit the project website at www.hhra.ca for updated information on how to participate and keep track of our progress.

