

**6. Describe the land use patterns of the project area and note any conflict with the proposed project.**

An integral part of the existing environment are the social characteristics such as patterns of land and resource use, present land uses, and patterns of human disturbance. Indicate if the proposed project will be located in a rural or urban setting and, if possible, the population density of the surrounding area. Also indicate if there are any heritage or cultural sites that could be affected by the project.

Indicate if the project will be compatible with adjoining land use. Note any areas that may conflict and consider these when comparing alternatives. If the project is not likely to be generally accepted, consider using public participation to seek alternatives.

**7. Is there any evidence or concern that land or water on this or the adjacent site is contaminated?**

This will assist in determining if any remediation is required before a purchase or before construction. The site should be examined for obvious sights, sounds or smells that might be suspect, e.g. liquid oozing from the ground, walls, or pipes; discolouration of surfaces; unconnected pipes sticking out of the ground or from walls; film or odour from surface or ground water. Any concerns or doubts about the environmental condition of the property should be investigated further before financial commitments are made. This is normally done through soil and water testing.

**8. Describe former uses of the project site.**

Provide information of the last several owners of the site and the use of the site as well as an indication whether any hazardous material was used, stored, transported or disposed of on site. This information will assist in determining if the site is or has been contaminated in the past. This information may assist in answering No. 7 above.

**9. Are there any above- or below-ground storage tanks on site? If so, describe (purpose, age, condition, size, location)**

An inventory of storage tanks is required. This will assist in determining the potential for leaks and contamination of soil on the site, and in identifying corrective measures required to ensure the health and safety of employees and occupants of the site.

**10. Has the site been environmentally assessed or tested in the past? Has the site been remediated or otherwise treated for the presence of toxic or hazardous substances?**

This background information can prevent duplication of effort if an environmental assessment of the site has already been conducted.

**11. Has the public been notified of the proposed project?**

- NO, notification not appropriate in the circumstances
- YES, summarize dates and methods of notification

Describe how and when the public in the host country and in Canada was or will be notified. Public concern can be expressed in a number of ways. You should be aware of, and sensitive to, such questions as:

- Who will be affected by the project?
- What are the views of the affected parties?
- Do they need more information about the project?
- How do they express themselves – through the media, correspondence, community action, informal communication?