

Cooperation

(3) Where more than one body is required by subsection (1) or (2) to conduct a preliminary screening in respect of a development, any of them may consult the others, adopt another's report or participate in a joint preliminary screening and, where one of them is a board established under Part III or IV, the others are not required to conduct a preliminary screening.

Outside local government territory

**125.** (1) Except as provided by subsection 10 (2), a body that conducts a preliminary screening of a proposal shall

(a) determine and report to the Review Board whether, in its opinion, the development might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or might be a cause of public concern; and

(b) where it so determines in the affirmative, refer the proposal to the Review Board for an environmental assessment.

Within local government territory

(2) Where a proposed development is wholly within the boundaries of a local government, a body that conducts a preliminary screening of the proposal shall

(a) determine and report to the Review Board whether, in its opinion, the development is likely to have a significant adverse impact on air, water or renewable resources or might be a cause of public concern; and

(b) where it so determines in the affirmative, refer the proposal to the Review Board for an environmental assessment.

Referral on preliminary screening

**126.** (1) The Review Board shall conduct an environmental assessment of a proposal for a development that is referred to the Review Board following a preliminary screening pursuant to section 125.

Referral from department, agency, first nation or local government

(2) Notwithstanding any determination on a preliminary screening, the Review Board shall conduct an environmental assessment of a proposal for a development that is referred to it by

(a) a department or agency of the federal or territorial government;