

18. In view of the foregoing assessment, the project officer concludes that:

- No significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated. The project should proceed.
- Significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated; these can be mitigated as detailed. The project should proceed.
- Significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated; these cannot be mitigated. The project should not proceed.
- Further assessment required. The project should not proceed.

Based on the information gathered during the screening process, you should indicate the likelihood of significant adverse environmental effects, and whether the project should proceed on environmental grounds. Once the determination has been made, sign and date the form. Please note that you will not be held personally responsible for any unintentional errors or omissions in the screening.

If a decision to proceed is taken, DFAIT **must be confident that no “significant adverse environmental effects” are anticipated**, or that those significant adverse effects that have been predicted **can be avoided** through proper mitigation or follow-up. Though the CEAA does not require a project to be environmentally benign in order to proceed, it does require that projects that may have significant negative impacts on the environment undergo panel review before a decision is taken.

Should it be determined that more information is required, or that the project needs to be revised before it can receive a “green light”, a second assessment is required in order to consider substantial changes in project planning or potential impacts. Existing information may be used, as appropriate. In such cases, contact JEN for assistance.

19. Physical Resources Bureau Projects

Forward the signed and dated form to your Director. If the Director concurs with the project officer’s determination, he/she should sign, date and forward the form to the Director General (SRD).

The Director General (SRD) reviews the screening, and signs and dates the form to indicate his/her final authorization. The screening should be maintained on the project file, and a copy sent to JEN for registration on the Public Registry.

20. Mission Projects

If the screening is for a property project carried out by a mission, as per DFAIT’s draft *Property Management Manual* – Chapter 1-10, forward the signed and dated form to the Head of Mission for review and final authorization.

The Head of Mission (or delegated responsible supervisor) should review the screening, sign and date the form to indicate his/her final authorization. The screening should be maintained on the project file, and a copy sent to JEN for registration on the Public Registry.