

## **Information Resource Management Plan Overview 2007/08-2009/10**

An initiative critical to the success of the environmental assessment process is the use of new technology for electronic service delivery. The electronic Project Information Centre (ePIC), an electronic government registry, is the primary means of providing project review participants with web-based access to environmental assessment information. ePIC is essential for providing efficient and effective environmental assessments, and for ensuring open government and accountable decision-making.

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) monitors the effectiveness of ePIC and develops system updates and enhancements as necessary. The EAO relies on the Ministry of Environment for leadership in the area of standards for electronic service delivery, records management, and the protection of information and privacy.

### **Strategic Directions**

This year's Information Resource Management Plan (IRMP) has an increased focus on making data available to support management decision-making, using data to increase collaboration with other government organizations, and developing opportunities to share unique technology.

The IRMP has:

- An increased emphasis on improving the adequacy of the EAO's data by upgrading the ePIC application to create new reporting tools.
- Increased opportunities for collaboration with other Ministries and Federal Authorities to support the completion of project reviews within legislated timelines.
- Proposed cost-saving strategies for applications used in other ministries by sharing ePIC technology.

### **Major Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>	<b>Benefits/Outcome</b>
ePIC/EAO Web Site Redesign	Winter 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External - Quick recognition as a government site by upgrading to meet cross-government web style-guidelines</li> <li>• External - More intuitive arrangement of information to find information easier</li> </ul>
ePIC Calculator	Spring 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal - Provides quick update on project review timelines</li> <li>• Internal - Ensures easier tracking of projects through legislated timelines</li> </ul>