

# Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project

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## Open House and Invitation to Comment

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NWP Coal Canada Ltd. (Proponent) is proposing to develop an open pit metallurgical coal mine in the Elk Valley, referred to as the Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project (proposed Project). The proposed Project would be located approximately 12 km northeast of Sparwood, British Columbia, and it is estimated that it would produce 3.7 million run-of-mine tonnes per year.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Proponent must obtain an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) before work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. Prior to the submission of an Application by the Proponent for an EAC, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) must approve the Application Information Requirements for the proposed Project.

As part of the Application Information Requirements, Valued Components must be identified, which are environmental, economic, social, heritage, and health components that may experience potential effects as a result of the proposed Project. The Valued Components are outlined in the Valued Components for Environmental Assessment document, which details components to be studied and the areas in which the studies would occur.

### Open House

EAO invites the public to attend an Open House about the environmental assessment process, the proposed Project, and the draft Valued Components. An open house will be held:

At: **Causeway Bay Hotel**  
**Emerald Room**  
**102A Red Cedar Drive, Sparwood, BC**

On: **Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

From: **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

EAO and the Proponent will be present to provide information and respond to questions about the proposed Project at the Open House.

The comment period for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Valued Components document is 30 days. **The comment period will begin May 13, 2016 and end June 13, 2016. All comments received during**

**this comment period in relation to the draft Valued Components document will be considered.**

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback on studies or information required for a comprehensive assessment.

After taking public comments into account, the Valued Components document will be finalized.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**  
<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>

- **By Mail:**  
Terry Pratt  
Project Assessment Manager  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – 441 Columbia St.  
Kamloops, BC, V2C 2T3

- **By Fax:**  
Fax: 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the draft Valued Components document and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca). Copies of the draft Valued Components document are also available for viewing at the following locations:

**Sparwood Public Library**  
110 Pine Avenue, Sparwood, BC

**Fernie Heritage Library**  
492 Third Avenue, Fernie, BC

**Cranbrook Public Library**  
1212 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North, Cranbrook, BC

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be an additional comment period during the Application Review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to EAO on the proposed Project.

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NOTE: All submissions received by the EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

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