

General Overview



EMP

- **Environmental Management Plans**
- Identifies key environmental issues on reserve and proposes key strategies to address those issues
- Includes an implementation plan
- Forms the basic work plan for a FN's Lands & Environment Department

ESA

- **Environmental Site Assessment**
- Looks at past land use and activities to determine the environmental condition of a FN's reserve lands prior to the change in land management jurisdiction
- Completed in phases (I, II and III)
- Results of Phase I ESA form part of the FN's Individual Agreement with Canada

EP

- **Environmental Protection**
- Sets out the maximum acceptable levels of a particular substance in the environment before it is considered a contaminant (standards or criteria)
- Standards or criteria are based on the media impacted (e.g., soil, groundwater, surface water, air) and the intended or current land or water use
- FN' EP laws must meet or beat provincial standards or criteria and punishments

EA

- **Environmental Assessment**
- Predicts the potential environmental, social and cultural effects of a project before the project occurs
- Proposes mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate those effects
- Includes public consultation
- Tool used for decision-making by the First Nation