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INTRODUCTION

SaskPower is on track to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50% from 2005 levels by 2030 and is aiming for net-zero emissions from power generation as soon as possible. One option SaskPower is pursuing to achieve that goal is nuclear power from Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). To support the planning of SMRs, we're undertaking a Regional Evaluation Process (REP).

REGIONAL EVALUATION PROCESS

SaskPower has developed a Regional Evaluation Process (REP) for the Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Development Project. This process will share current information about the project with potentially affected Indigenous groups, regional and stakeholder organizations. It will also allow SaskPower to gather input on regional identity, siting considerations, potential economic development and future public participation preferences to support its regulatory and siting process. As part of the REP, SaskPower will establish a Regional Indigenous and Stakeholder Committee (Committee) made up of nominated representatives from each study area (Estevan and Elbow) to support public participation on the SMR Development Project.

The Regional Indigenous and Stakeholder Committee activities will run parallel with broader public engagement and Indigenous consultation processes in the siting phase. Proximate First Nations and Métis locals will be invited to participate separately in consultations directly with SaskPower to discuss how the proposed SMR siting decision has the potential to adversely impact Treaty and Aboriginal rights. The Committees are meant to strengthen engagement by providing a forum for Indigenous groups, regional and stakeholder organizations to share their perspectives with each other and meet the objectives identified below.

More information regarding the role and scope of each Committee can be found in the REP Charter on saskpower.com/nuclear.

WHY IS THE REP IMPORTANT?

The REP is important as it provides the project team with guidance that is inclusive and well-informed from Indigenous groups, regional and stakeholder organizations within the study areas.



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OBJECTIVES OF THE REP

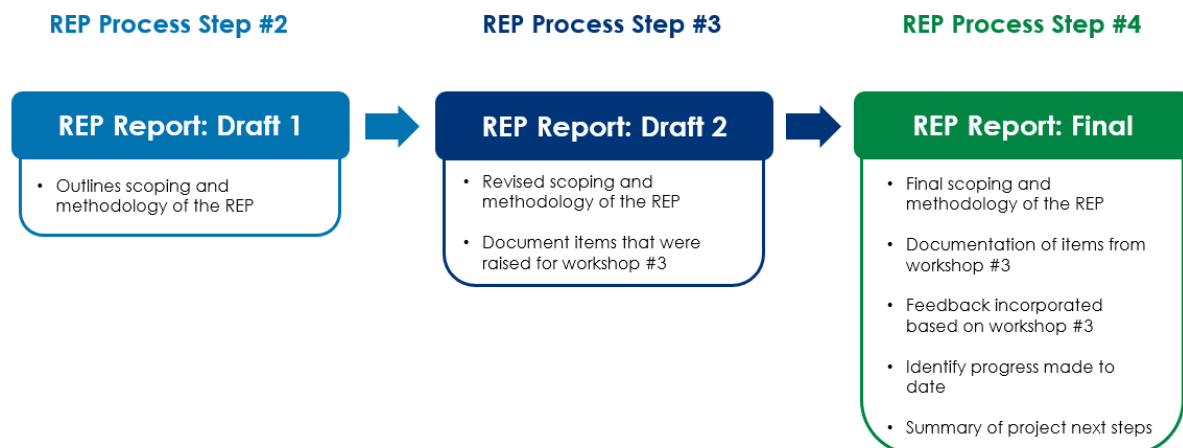
- 1) Collect available information, input and feedback to help understand and take into consideration the best interests and potential benefits of the study area.
- 2) Share information through a transparent process, where participants and the public can see how feedback was used.
- 3) Provide an opportunity for proactive engagement to ensure that concerns are raised early in the project.
- 4) Help identify possible adverse impacts, issues and concerns.
- 5) Build trust and meaningful long-term relationships within the project's potential communities.
- 6) Use the information obtained through this process to inform regulatory applications/submissions and the siting decision.
- 7) Providing a forum where the perspectives of Indigenous groups, regional and stakeholders organizations can be shared with one another.

NEXT STEPS

The deliverable of this process will be a final report that focuses on the scope and methodology of the REP and documents findings (Figure 1) from each committee's series of workshops (workshops are outlined below and in Figure 2). The schedule of Committee workshops will be communicated to the members of each Committee, and posted as applicable on saskpower.com/nuclear.

Figure #1: REP Report Process

Note: full process method for REP can be found at the end of this document.



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WORKSHOP #1

The objective of Workshop #1 (Figure 2) will be to set Committee objectives and principles and provide a project update. The REP Report: Draft 1 (Figure 1) will be introduced and provided to Committee members.

WORKSHOP #2

Committee members will have the opportunity to engage in facilitated discussion with SaskPower and other Committee members on the REP Report: Draft 1. The input provided by Committee members during workshop #2 will be incorporated into REP Report: Draft 2 (Figures 1 and 2). In addition, Workshop #2 (Figure 2) will provide members with the opportunity to identify topics for workshop #3, raise questions and discuss expectations with SaskPower based on the information provided so far.

WORKSHOP #3

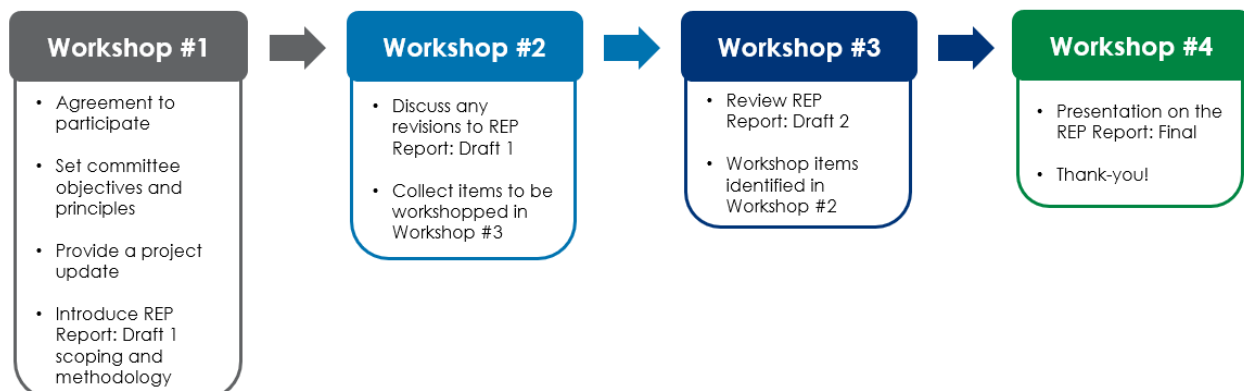
Committee members will have the opportunity to engage in facilitated discussion with SaskPower and other Committee members on the topics raised during workshop #2 and the REP Report: Draft 2. The input provided by Committee members during workshop #3 will be incorporated into REP Report: Final (Figures 1 and 2).

WORKSHOP #4

SaskPower will present Committee members with the REP Report: Summary Final and cross check that we have accurately reflected viewpoints.

The final step in the REP will be to make any revisions necessary and deliver the REP Report: Final to Committee members (Figures 1 and 2). The REP Report: Final and records of discussions of Committee meetings may be disclosed as part of regulatory and legal applications and processes for the SMR Project.

Figure 2: REP Workshop Descriptions



PROCESS METHOD

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