NEPA's Environmental Permit & Licence Applications Process

Applicant defines project and may seek conference with NEPA

Applicant submits Application for Permit /Licence with the requisite fee to NEPA which assesses application for completeness and circulates to other Agencies e.g. NWA, WRA, EHU

NEPA returns incomplete application to applicant.

NEPA screens application and conducts site visit (*if necessary*) determines if an EIA is required.

NEPA modifies Generic ToR to include any other significant issues and the need for public presentation.
NEPA advises applicant that EIA is required; sends ToR to applicant and relevant stakeholders for inclusion of any other significant issues.
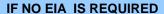
Applicant reviews ToR & indicates to NEPA whether or not they have added any significant issues to the ToR.

NEPA advises applicant:
• of stakeholders comments, if any
• to proceed with the EIA study
• to publish first standard public notice.

IF NO EIA IS REQUIRED

Application is reviewed by NEPA's Internal & Technical Review Committees.

NEPA informs applicant of adequacy of EIA

NEPA, relevant Agencies and stakeholders review EIA.

Based on approved ToR, applicant prepares & submits EIA report   (12 hard copies + digital copy) and publishes second public notice.

IF NOT ADEQUATE

Technical Review Committee's recommendations are presented to NRCA.

Permit/Licence Granted by NRCA

Applicant Appeals condition (s)

Applicant pays Permit/ Licence Fee

Permitee/Licencee implements project according to terms & conditions of approval.

NEPA monitors Compliance

Applicant Appeals Decision

Permit/Licence Denied by NRCA.

Optional Appeal to Minister.

LEGEND
• NEPA – National Environment & Planning Agency
  EIA - Environmental Impact Assessment
• ToR - Terms of Reference
• NRCA - Natural Resources Conservation Authority