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**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

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| Ministry/Agency | Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  |
| Description  | In 2018, the provincial government commissioned a three-member scientific panel to conduct an independent Scientific Review of Hydraulic Fracturing (SRHF) in British Columbia to understand the role of hydraulic fracturing as it relates to induced seismicity, fugitive emissions and its impacts on water quantity and quality. The scientific panel submitted its final report*, Scientific Review of Hydraulic Fracturing in British Columbia*, to the Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, on February 20, 2019. Since the report was tabled, government has undertaken a thorough review of the report and its recommendations with a view to identifying opportunities for improvement in environmental management tools and processes and in the existing regulatory framework governing hydraulic fracturing. In June 2019 a number of early actions in response to the report were released publicly. In December 2019 a detailed long-term action plan was presented to the Minister.  |
| Project Phases and Schedule  | * 2018 Scientific Review of Hydraulic Fracturing Panel Sessions
* February 20, 2019 – Minister received report
* June to November 2019 – Government undertook a thorough review of the report and its recommendations
* June 2019 – Government publicly identified early actions in response to the report
* December 2019 – A long-term action plan was presented to the Minister
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| Project Information Links | * The scientific panel’s report is available at: [www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-gas-oil/responsible-oil-gas-development/scientific\_hydraulic\_fracturing\_review\_panel\_final\_report.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-gas-oil/responsible-oil-gas-development/scientific_hydraulic_fracturing_review_panel_final_report.pdf)
* Information Bulletin from June 27, 2019 available at: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019EMPR0027-001344>
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**PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS**

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| Update Highlights  | 1. Topic areas from Panel review
2. Baseline Monitoring
3. Research Collaborations
4. Information Sharing
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| Key Dates  | TBD |
| Meeting Reference Materials | 1. Powerpoint
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