



# Metis Settlements and First Nations Consultation Processes: Quick Facts for Proponents

## Alberta's Metis Settlements Consultation Policy and Guidelines

*The Government of Alberta's Policy on Consultation with Metis Settlements on Land and Natural Resource Management, 2015*, and associated Guidelines came into effect on April 4, 2016. Alberta's Metis Settlements Consultation Policy and Guidelines are closely modeled on the existing First Nations Consultation Policy and Guidelines. As such, there are no notable procedural differences between the First Nations consultation process and the Metis Settlements consultation process.

## Managing Consultation

The Aboriginal Consultation Office's (ACO) role in the Metis Settlements consultation process will be nearly identical to the role that it plays in Alberta's First Nations consultation process. The ACO will continue to manage all substantive aspects of the consultation process, including processing Pre-consultation Assessments, managing and executing the consultation process, and assessing the adequacy of consultation for Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) regulated activities falling under the specified enactments. Additionally, the ACO will direct, monitor, and support the consultation activities of Government of Alberta departments, proponents, and Metis Settlements as required.

## Steps and Requirements

Proponents currently submitting requests for Pre-consultation Assessments to the ACO through the Electronic Disposition System (EDS) may continue to do so. If consultation with Metis Settlements has been triggered, the ACO will inform proponents in the Pre-consultation Assessment stage via the EDS. When proponents are directed to consult with Metis Settlements, they will be required to carry out the same procedural aspects of consultation that they are accustomed to in the First Nations consultation process. Proponents should refer to [The Government of Alberta's Guidelines on Consultation with Metis Settlements on Land and Natural Resource Management, 2016 \(Guidelines\)](#) and the [Proponent Guide](#) for further clarification on the steps and submission standards required in the consultation process.