

ATLAS SALT INC. - GREAT ATLANTIC SALT PROJECT
Overview of Environmental Protection Plan (EPP)
and
Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLAN (EPP)

Environmental protection planning is an integral part of Atlas' approach to the planning, design and implementation of its development activities, including their associated construction, operation and maintenance, and eventual closure and decommissioning phases.

An Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) is an important tool for consolidating environmental information in a format that provides sufficient detail for the implementation of environmental protection measures in the field. An EPP provides concise instructions to personnel regarding protection procedures and descriptions of techniques to reduce potential environmental effects associated with any in-field activity. The main objectives are to:

- consolidate information for planning;
- ensure environmental standards are current and complied with;
- provide details of corporate commitments to environmental protection and planning; and
- provide guidelines for field activities and decision-making on environmental issues relevant to construction, operation and maintenance activities.

One or more Project-specific EPPs will be prepared for the Project. The EPP will be a field-useable document, addressing provisions that will avoid or reduce environmental effects which may be associated with key Project activities. It will include environmental protection measures relating to vegetation clearing, grubbing and grading, storage and handling of fuel, blasting, dust control, waste disposal, work in and near water, and other key activities and associated environmental considerations.

A preliminary and high level draft Table of Contents for the Project EPP is provided below, for initial illustrative purposes. The structure and content of the EPP will be developed with consideration of, and will incorporate and address, the outcomes of this EA review and other applicable permits and authorizations.

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP)

In the construction, operation and maintenance, and eventual decommissioning and closure of any development , an accidental release or other unplanned event is an unlikely, but possible, event. Atlas proactively identifies potential emergency situations and develops response procedures, including Emergency Response Plans (ERPs).

The purpose of an ERP is to identify responsibilities in the event of an unplanned incident, and to provide the information required for the effective response to, and reporting of, such an incident. Atlas will conform to both provincial and federal legislation with the intent of meeting both its legal and corporate responsibilities.

The establishment and maintenance of emergency response procedures addresses the:

- protection and maintenance of human health and safety;
- identification of the potential for accidents and emergency situations;
- planned response to accidents and emergency situations; and
- prevention of and response to potential accidents and emergency situations and their effects.

Depending on the sequencing of the various Project phases and activities, one or several site/activity-specific ERPs will be prepared and implemented for the Project. The Project-specific ERP will address: roles and responsibilities, personal protective equipment, materials storage, driving safety, working at heights, working near or over water, working near or on ice, animal encounters, emergency response communications, spill response, personnel injury response, search and rescue, fire and explosion response, and vehicle / equipment accidents.