



Best Practices Guide for Monitoring Committees and Legal Obligations of Mining and Petroleum Projects Promoters

Monitoring committees are a form of active participation widespread in Quebec. They offer a number of benefits, regardless of the project phase in which they are created.

Set up by a project promoter, a monitoring committee promotes:

- » The development of a relationship of trust between the promoter and the local community
- » The expression of the needs, concerns and objectives from various actors
- » The prevention of conflicts and irritants for the local community
- » Decisions based on consensus
- » The improvement to projects

A GUIDE – FOR A BETTER-EQUIPPED COMMITTEE

The *Guide* contains a list of good practices for the creation and operation of a monitoring committee. It also addresses the legal obligations of holders of mining leases and petroleum exploration, production or storage licences.

The *Guide* was produced specifically for energy, mineral resource and public land development projects, but will also be useful to anyone who wishes to set up a monitoring committee for another purpose, or to become a member of a monitoring committee, regardless of the nature of the project.

What a monitoring committee is	What a monitoring committee is not
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » A platform for the exchange of information, knowledge and expertise » A concertation committee and a space for structured dialogue » A mechanism to improve the project » A window into the project's host environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » A lobby group » A consultant for the promoter » A substitute for the promoter's responsibilities » A tool for promoting personal interests

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ELEMENTS COVERED IN THE GUIDE

