

2018-2019 Ontario Regional Adaptation Collaborative Webinar Series



The Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and
Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR) presents the
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Addressing the Effects of Climate Change in Environmental Assessments

Presenter: Dr. Philip Byer (Professor Emeritus, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Toronto)

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm EST (please note your time zone)

Cost: Free!

Climate change has major implications for the planning and design of many types of projects. Climate-related events such as heat waves and flooding, as well as more gradual changes in average climate, can affect the condition and performance of project infrastructure and can change the effects of the project on the environment. While climate conditions have long been considered in project planning processes, typical practices do not yet adequately address the effects of climate change. This webinar will present a set of best and emerging practices for addressing this in Environmental Assessments (EAs), based on a recent [report](#) published by the Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources and Risk Science International. Also important, but not addressed here, are the effects of the project *on* climate change through greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.



Dr. Philip Byer

Dr. Byer is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Civil Engineering and the School of the Environment at the University of Toronto. His teaching, research and professional work has focused on environmental impact and risk assessments, including work aimed at improving the consideration of climate change in EAs. He is co-author of a report titled *Best Practices for Consideration of the Effects of Climate Change in Project-Level Environmental Assessments* and was principal author of the International Association for Impact Assessment's *Climate Change in Impact*

Assessment - International Best Practice Principles. In addition to his university work, Dr. Byer has been a member of various advisory committees such as the Federal EA Review Panel for a proposed mine in Northern Ontario (2011-2014), and the Ontario Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee (Chair, 1986-95), which carried out public consultations and advised the Minister of the Environment on controversial projects, and policy and legislative changes.

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