



## About the Provincial Environmental Assessment

- AIM is required to prepare an Environmental Screening Report (ESR) as per Ontario Regulation 116/01 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and as outlined for a Category B Project under the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects" (March 2001).
- The completion of an ESR ensures that AIM is designing a project that provides for the protection, conservation and wise management of the environment.
- The completion of an ESR requires studies be undertaken of the natural environment (such as wildlife, vegetation and fish habitat), the socio-economic environment (such as recreation, employment and land use), and the physical environment (such as soils, climate and water quality).
- Consultation with the public and government agencies is a key component of the ESR and works best when local stakeholders are actively involved.