
Notices

Notice

Environment Quality Act
(R.S.Q., c. Q-2)

Sustainable development of the shale gas industry in Québec

Notice is given, in accordance with section 6.3 of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., c. Q-2), that I have entrusted the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE), located at 575, rue Saint-Amable, Québec, with the mandate to create a commission on the sustainable development of the shale gas industry in Québec and to hold consultations in the administrative regions of Montérégie, Centre-du-Québec and Chaudière-Appalaches.

The commission will have to propose a development framework for shale gas exploration and exploitation that favours the harmonious cohabitation of those activities with the populations concerned, the environment and other sectors of activity in the territory. The commission will also have to propose orientations for a legislative and regulatory framework that will, in keeping with sustainable development, ensure the safe development of that industry, including exploration, exploitation and the infrastructures to extract natural gas. Lastly, the commission will have to call upon scientific experts who will evaluate any issue in connection with this mandate.

The mandate to inquire and hold public hearings began on 7 September 2010 and the commission's report will have to be submitted to the Minister not later than 4 February 2011.

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