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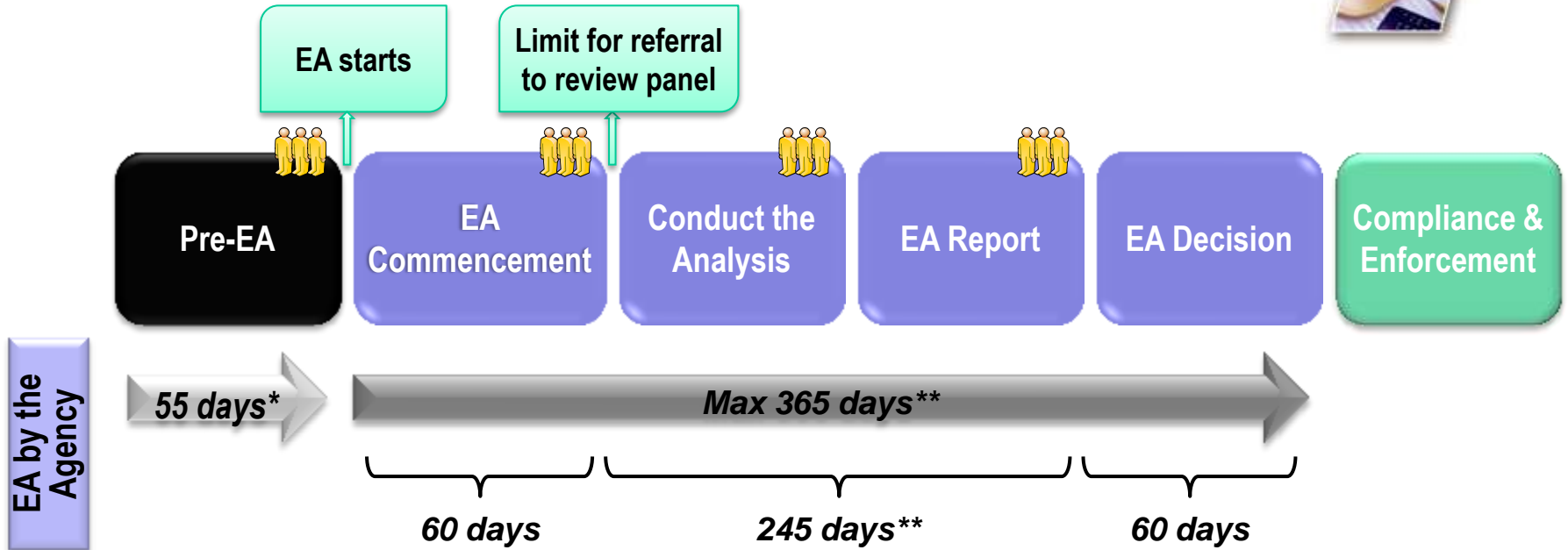


# The Scotian Basin Exploration Drilling Project and the Federal EA Process

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# EA Processes & Timelines



\* Includes 10 days to review project description and 45 days to determine whether an EA is required

\*\* Does not include time used by proponent to gather information, prepare its EIS or respond to information requests



# Key EA Documents

- Project Description
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines
- EIS and Summary
- Draft and Final EA Reports
- EA Decision Statement and Conditions



# Integration of Aboriginal Consultation

## Environmental Assessment Process

### Phase 1: Pre-EA Planning

PD Review and EA Determination

### Phase 2: EA Start / EIS Guidelines

### Phase 3: EIS Review and Analysis

### Phase 4: EA Report Review

### Phase 5: EA Decision

### Phase 6: Compliance and Enforcement

## Key Consultation Activities for Aboriginal Groups

- Receive EA determination notification letter from the Agency
- Comment on the Project Description

- Receive EA determination decision letter from the Agency
- Comment on draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines and the Consultation Workplan
- Receive information about the PFP

- Comment on EIS (technical studies and analysis)
- Participate in consultation activities, as per workplan

- Comment on the draft EA Report
- Participate in consultation activities, as per workplan

- Notified of the Minister's EA Decision

- Engagement as appropriate on:
- Outstanding impacts identified in the EA
  - Mitigation and follow-up programs



# Current Status of the EA

## Completed Steps

Process/Step	Date completed	Comments
Project Description Review	August 19, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Agency reviewed the contents of the project description for completeness</li></ul>
Screening/EA Determination	Agency decision that an EA is required was made September 15, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>20-day Aboriginal comment period on the project description</li></ul>
Posting of Notice of Commencement	September 16, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Official commencement of the EA</li></ul>
Comment period on the draft EIS Guidelines	September 16 to October 16, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>30-day comment period on the draft EIS Guidelines</li><li>Consultation workplans distributed</li><li>Participant funding program initiated</li></ul>
EIS Guidelines finalized	October 27, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proponent receives the final EIS Guidelines</li></ul>



# EIS Guidelines

- Prepared by the Agency
- Describe form and content of EIS
- Draft released for comment (government, public, Aboriginal)
- Agency finalized and issued to proponent



# Upcoming Steps

1. EIS and Summary Review
  - Comment on the EIS and Summary
  - Participate in consultation activities as per workplan
2. Draft EA Report Review and Proposed Conditions
  - Comment on the draft EA Report
  - Comments on proposed conditions
  - Participate in consultation activities as per workplan
3. EA Decision
  - Notification of the Minister's EA Decision
4. Compliance and Enforcement
  - Mitigation and follow-up programs



■ Questions?