



Modernization of Approvals Project

Project Overview

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Vision for Modern Environmental Approvals



A modern environmental approvals process:

- Enhances environmental protection based on potential impact to the natural environment
- Is transparent and electronically accessible
- Reduces administrative burden on business
- Promotes continuous improvement in government and business
- Enhancing process to foster innovation and adapt ideas of partners

Modern Environmental Approvals Process

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Electronic service delivery

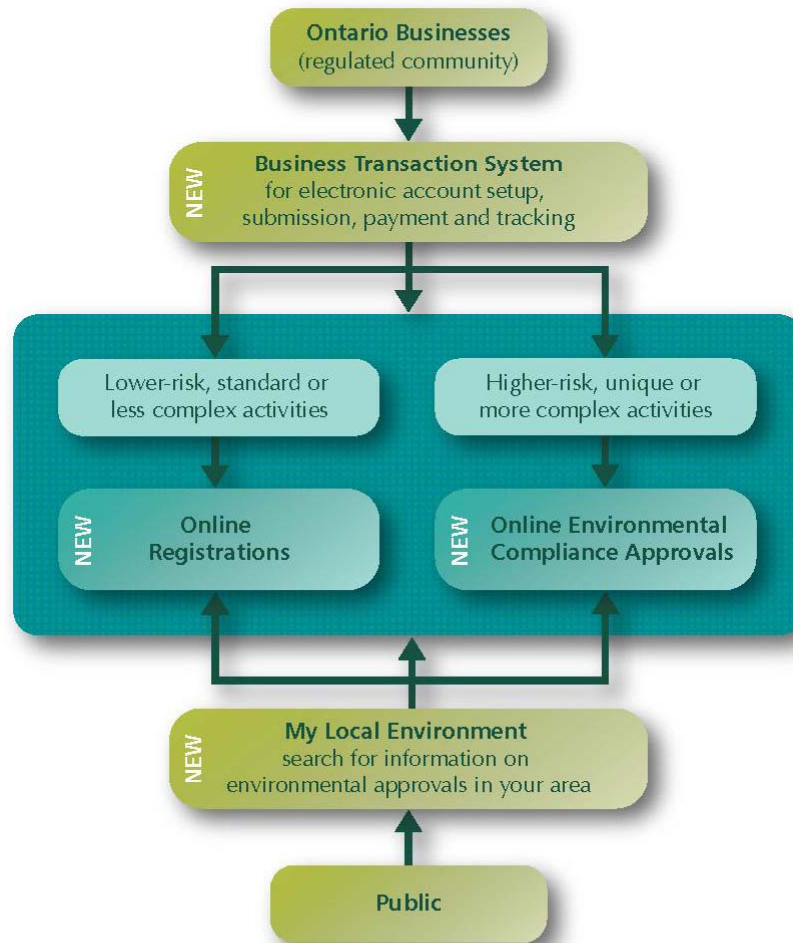
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Two path process for protecting the environment

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Public transparency

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Two Path Process

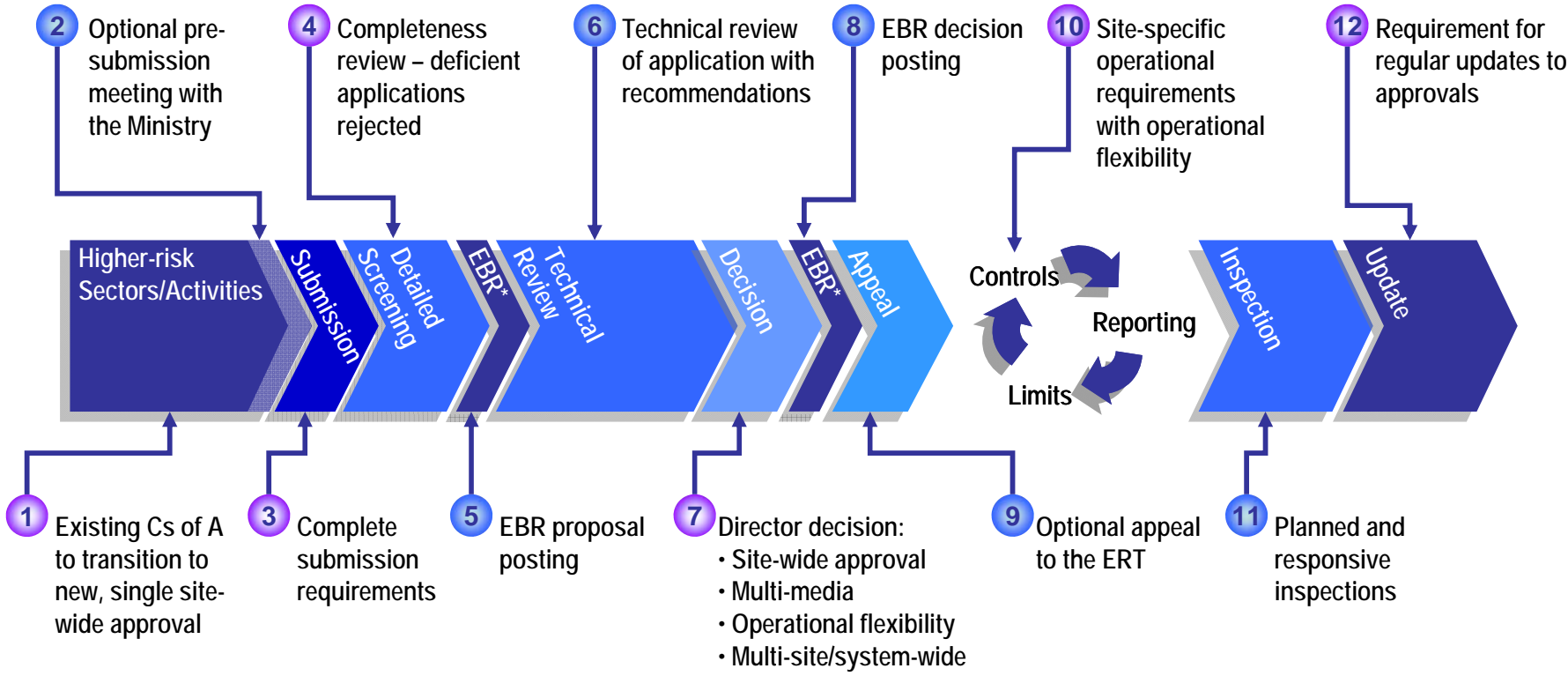
Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA)

- Single multimedia approval that can be customized to reflect the activities and emissions of a specific business
- Single approval for multiple activities or locations
- Flexible operating rules for owners and operators
- Level playing field for old and new businesses

Environmental Activity & Sector Registry (EASR)

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- Supported by tools that keep registrations up-to-date with environmental standards and maintain compliance

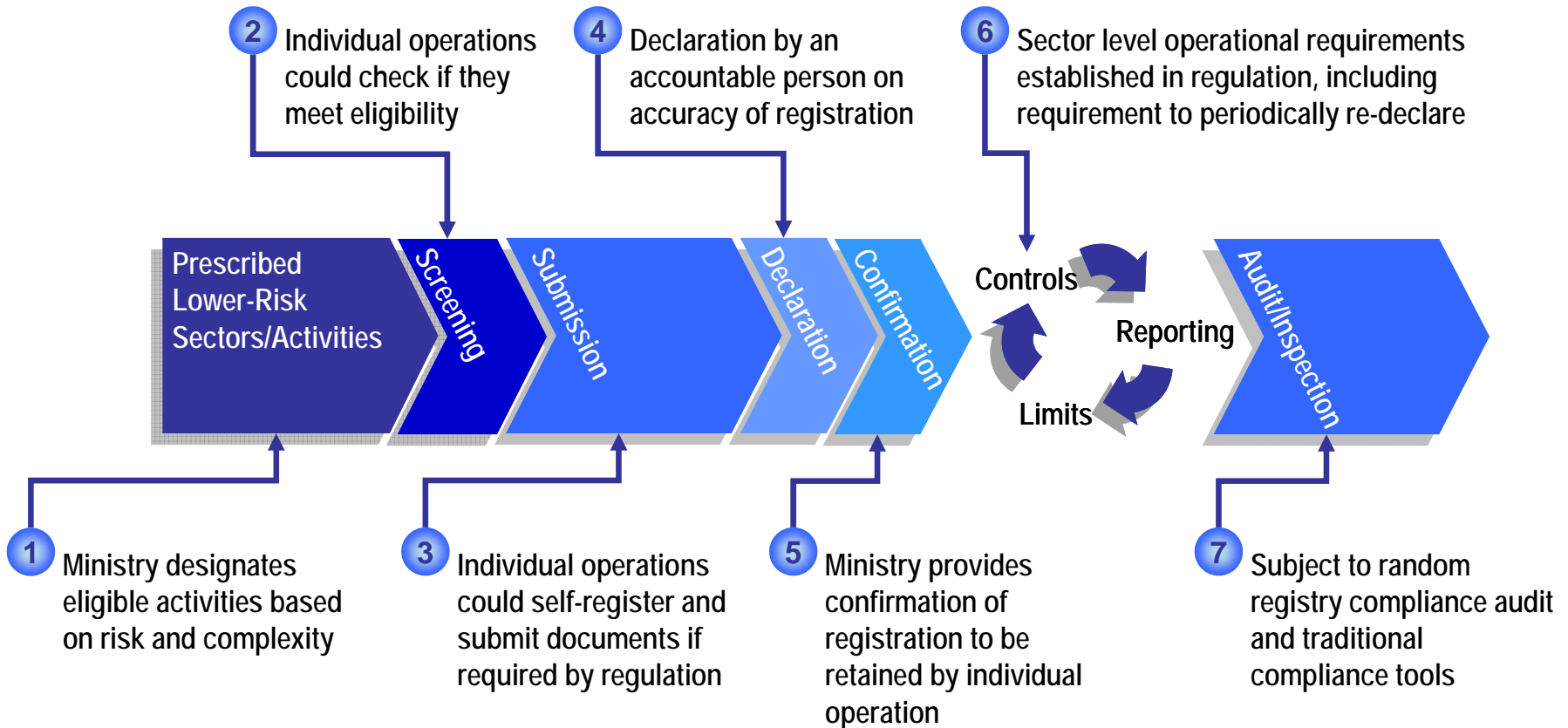
ECA Process



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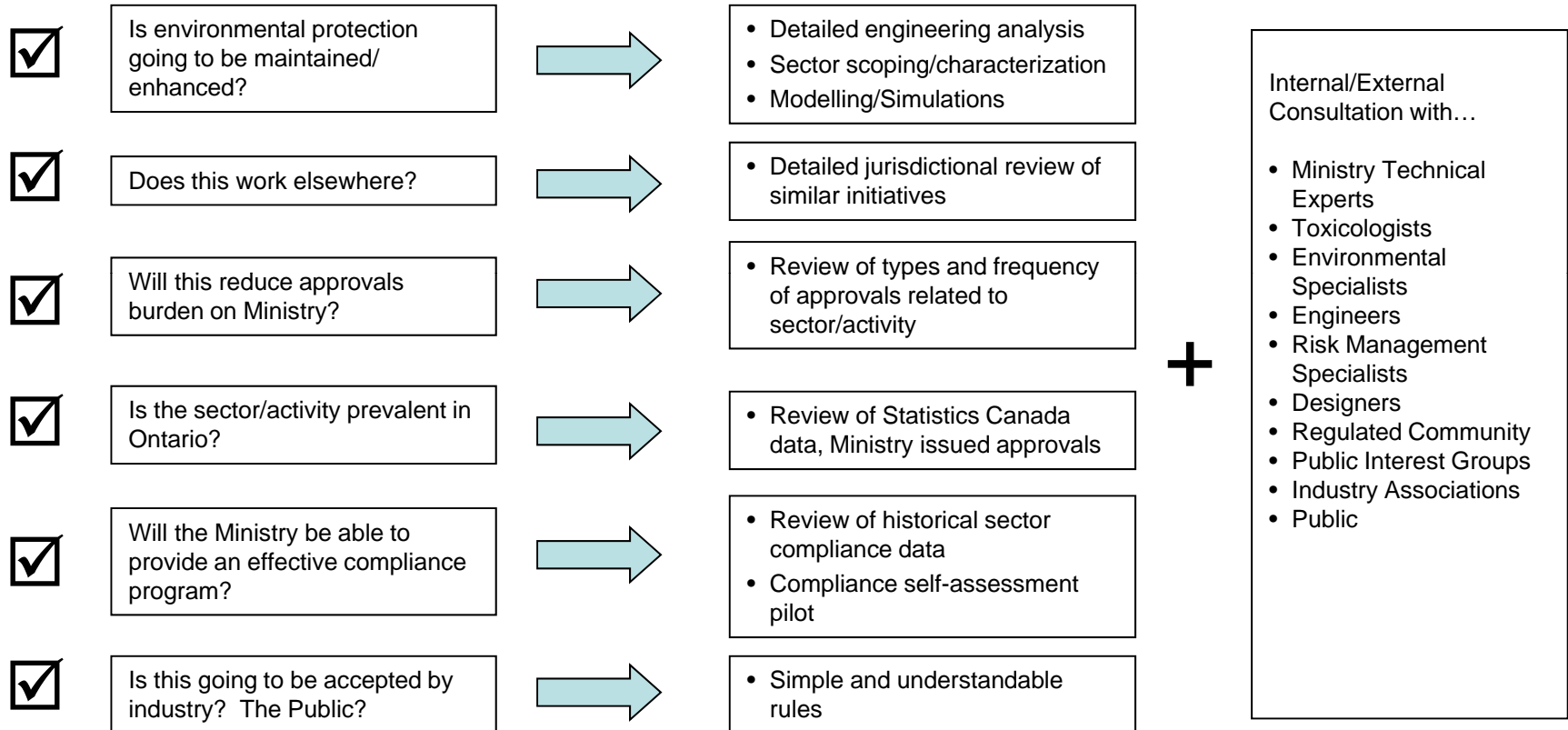
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- Intended for activities with potential for lower environmental impacts, standards or less complex activities
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EASR Process



Selection of Registry Sectors and Activities

Assessed through...



Assessing Impact of Possible Registry Regulations

SEVERAL CRITERIA AND STUDIES

Effort to Business



REGISTRY

ECA

SIMPLE AND FEWER RULES

STANDARD PROCESS, LESS COMPLEX

Need for Compliance Oversight



UNIQUE, COMPLEX PROCESS

Proposed Registry Sectors/Activities

Group 1

- Autobody shops
- Comfort heating (HVAC)
- Printing
- Standby Power

EBR summary posting of technical requirements - December 2010

Group 2

- Collection/Hauling of Waste (e.g. municipal garbage)
- Ready-mix concrete (e.g. concrete batch plants)
- Concrete pipe/block manufacturing (e.g. concrete poles)
- Stormwater activities (e.g. green roofs)

Potential posting of technical requirements - Spring 2010 (TBD)

Compliance

Specific legislative changes made in the *Open for Business Act, 2010* provide for:

- a regulatory requirement for registrants to maintain and periodically update their registrations,
- The ability of the Director to require complete and accurate registration information to be filed,
- The ability for a provincial officer to issue a notice related to non-compliance with the requirements of the EASR regulations,
- The ability for a director or provincial officer as authorized by regulation, to issue administrative penalties for specific violations, and
- The ability of the director to suspend and/or remove a registration from the EASR.

The Ministry will also be conducting reviews of registrations filed on the EASR (through audits and/or inspections) to promote and ensure compliance.

Public Access

- Public access to information about environmental approvals available online to complement the existing EBR
 - Enhances public transparency by making Environmental Compliance Approvals available online
 - Free self-service access
 - The electronic library has over 45,000 records and thousands more added yearly
- Phased implementation between September 2011 and September 2012

External Partnership Engagement

- Established Stakeholder Roundtable made up of a cross section of environmental non-government and industry organizations meets regularly to provide advice to government and preview major components of program development
- Ad-hoc meetings with organizations upon request or at key project milestones
- Engagement with Aboriginal communities through the Aboriginal Technical Working Committee, information sharing sessions, and one-on-one meetings with Aboriginal communities upon request to discuss technical details of program development and implementation
- Continue to consult with external technical and subject matter experts through technical workshops
- Upcoming EBR/Regulatory registry postings for wider public input

Phased Implementation

- **September 2011** – Introduction of some limited tools, process and online systems to support Registrations and Environmental Compliance Approval review
- **September 2012** – New Approvals Process and fully operational online support systems open for business