

# An Oil Sands Regulatory Checklist

## General Principles

- Relevant (addresses major issues and significant effects)
- Credible (peer-reviewed science)
- Transparent (publicly available data)
- Understandable (reports to Canadians on a yearly basis)
- Robust (scientific best practice and continuous improvements)

## Key Criteria for a World-class Information and Reporting System

- Independence from industry
- National scientific and federal leadership
- Transparent and collaborative governance model (a single integrated monitoring agency) with representation from areas directly impacted by rapid development: First Nations; Northwest Territories; Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba; and the federal government
- Stable long-term funding for twenty-five years
- Focus on what matters: Is there any evidence of impact or degradation of ecosystems that could lead to an impact? And what are the boundaries or thresholds beyond which damage to landscapes and waterways will occur?
- Suspension of new project approvals and water licenses until there is a national scientific consensus that a transparent and effective regulatory oversight has been established for air, surface water, groundwater, wildlife, GHG emissions, and human health.