

Cumulative Effects Management

AEPA recognizes cumulative effects managementⁱ could benefit the agriculture industry through increased transparency of land-use decisions, management of growth pressures, streamlining of regulations and approvals, and reduction of land-use conflicts. Continued engagement between policy makers and agricultural stakeholders is critical ensuring agricultural interests are reflected in the development of management frameworksⁱⁱ and fully understanding the impacts of cumulative effects management.

AEPA Key Messages:

- Management frameworks should be thoroughly assessed for unintended consequences to agriculture such as potential loss of industry competitiveness.
- Management frameworks need to be clearly developed and implemented for the agriculture industry.
- To remain economically viable, the agriculture industry will require time developing the capacity to effectively respond to management framework objectives. Improvements need to be incremental and measurable over the longer term.
- Education, awareness, and incentives encouraging adoption of cumulative effects management practices are more effective than a regulatory approach.
- Management frameworks for air and water must differentiate between how “point” and “non-point” source pollution impacts are managed.

ⁱ Cumulative Effects Management: Government of Alberta’s approach to land-use planning involves developing regional management frameworks for air, water, land, and biodiversity.

ⁱⁱ Management Frameworks: Identify desired regional objectives, as well as approaches and actions to achieve objectives.