



- Service Area:** Aboriginal Community Engagement, Public Participation and Facilitation
- Project:** SAGD Cumulative Effects Communications Project
- Client:** Conoco-Phillips Canada, Devon Canada Corporation, Japan Canada Oil Sands Ltd, and OPTI Canada
- Location:** North East Alberta

The partners of **the human environment group (HEG)** designed and managed an environmental communications project addressing cumulative environmental and social effects related to oil sands development south of Fort McMurray in 2003 and again in 2007. Representatives from the Fort McMurray First Nation, Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation, and the Zone 1 Metis Nation Association, helped to scope issues and develop key questions. Consultants reviewed existing scientific literature and project planning documents to provide background information and answer questions relating to land, air, and water resources and the socio-economic implications of the projects

Innovative graphics and plan language support materials were prepared and used to convey technical information to elders, community members and school groups in a series of community workshops. When requested, arrangements were made at Workshops to provide technical translation into native dene language. Environmental and socio-economic specialists, industry representatives and local community representatives were present at the workshops to answer questions when required.