



**Service Area:** Socio-Economic Impact Assessment  
**Project:** Oil Sands SEIAs  
**Clients:** Husky, MEG Energy, Shell Canada  
**Location:** Alberta, Canada

Since 2000, the **Human Environment Group (HEG)** has conducted multiple Socio-Economic Impact Assessments related to oil sands development in the Athabasca, Cold Lake and Peace River regions of Alberta. Typically, **HEG** serves as the project lead, often working in close collaboration with a larger team of consultants.

The SEIAs begin with a basic assessment of economic effects from the construction and operation phases of the projects. The economic assessment includes analysis of the direct, indirect and induced employment effects. The economic analysis also estimates industrial benefits occurring in Alberta, other parts of Canada. The assessment also evaluate the impact of the projects on local services and infrastructure, including consideration of housing, transportation, education/training, health and social services and protective services

The **HEGs** provide a consultative analysis of how resource development will affect all communities (and not just the larger centers, such as Fort McMurray). These communities have included Fort Chipewyan, Fort McKay, Anzac, Conklin, Cold Lake, Bonnyville, Lac La Biche and Peace River.