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- Service Area:** Environmental Planning and Traditional Land Use Assessment
- Project:** Piikani Nation Follow-up Environmental Impact Assessment For The Oldman River Dam
- Client:** Piikani Environmental Services Inc.
- Location:** Alberta, Canada

The **human environment group (HEG)** is the project manager for a three-year multi-disciplinary follow-up environmental impact assessment of the Oldman River Dam on the Piikani First Nation.

Management of the project includes participation in all aspects of the study from involvement in the tripartite (federal, provincial and first nation government) oversight committee to design and development of workplans for all areas of study.

This multi-million dollar study covers a variety of areas including: social, cultural and spiritual Issues; health and water quality; and cottonwood forests; wildlife, migratory birds and fish habitats.

Partners from the **human environment group** have taken a unique approach to this project. They have facilitated discussion with Piikani members so that the study focuses on issues that are important to the community. As the Oldman River valley that envelops the Piikani Reserve is a spiritual, cultural and community centre – traditional ideas and concepts are key to the whole study.