

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The development of CCME's environmental quality guidelines for water, tissue, sediment and soil follows a clearly defined, transparent process.

This process is designed to enhance communication between the water and soil quality task groups, senior CCME committees, jurisdictions, stakeholders and the public. In doing so it reinforces overall CCME priorities, contributes to budget and work planning, allows for a more predictable production schedule, tracks progress, and enables public and stakeholder awareness and participation.

The process ideally occurs over approximately two years, beginning with priority setting and ending with publication of fact sheets in a Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines update. Technical and policy challenges do arise during guideline development that may require an extension of the timeline.

The general process for developing guidelines is as follows:

