

OAG Climate Change Performance Audit- Yukon Government Action Plan

Recommendation	YG Response	Lead	Actions	Timing	Status	Progress and Success Measures
30. The Climate Change Secretariat, working with departments and other stakeholders, should prepare a comprehensive territory-wide risk assessment to help prioritize commitments to manage the impacts of climate change.	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>The Government of Yukon is already planning a climate risk-management approach for its own operations. In 2016, the Department of Environment was directed to work with government departments to integrate risk assessments and mitigation actions related to climate change in government policies, procedures, and projects. A climate risk assessment contract is underway, and this information will support high-risk departments to develop “climate risk reduction plans,” including an implementation and monitoring plan. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in 2019. Portions of this work will inform government commitments in a new climate change, energy, and green economy strategy planned to be released in 2019.</p> <p>The Government of Yukon will work to complete a Yukon-wide climate risk assessment to help Yukoners prioritize actions that will address the most significant current and expected impacts of climate change. The climate risk assessment would explore specific areas of vulnerability to climate hazards and recommend priority areas for risk reduction.</p>	CCS (ENV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake climate change risk assessment for Yukon government. 	Winter 2020, ongoing	On Track	The Request for Proposals for a government-wide climate change risk assessment has been issued. Work will begin in February 2018 and is currently on track.
		CCS (ENV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake Yukon-wide climate change risk assessment. 	Summer 2018	On track	The Northern Climate Exchange at Yukon College’s Yukon Research Centre is supporting the Government of Yukon to undertake work which will outline the scope and methodology necessary for the design and implementation of a Yukon-wide climate risk assessment. This work will be completed by Summer 2018.

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<p>31. The Department of Environment; the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources; the Department of Highways and Public Works; and the Department of Community Services should develop climate change commitments that are time-bound and costed. Commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions should indicate the intended levels of reductions.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>It is anticipated that commitments and targets in the new 2019 Yukon strategy for climate change, energy, and green economy will be supported by clear milestones, completion dates, and associated costs. More rigorous monitoring and reporting for Yukon actions would work to support the actions and outcomes in the <i>Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change</i>.</p> <p>The Government of Yukon will work to include levels of greenhouse gas emission reductions anticipated to be achieved in future commitments.</p>	<p>All departments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop commitments and targets in new strategy which are measurable and supported by clear milestones, completion dates, and associated costs in the new 2019 Yukon strategy for climate change, energy, and green economy. • Include anticipated greenhouse gas emissions reductions to be achieved in future commitments. 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>On Track</p>	<p>Work is underway to develop a new strategy to address climate change, energy, and green economic growth in Yukon, in partnership with Yukon and transboundary First Nations, the Inuvialuit, and Yukon municipalities. The development of commitments and targets is currently planned for late 2018.</p> <p>Work is already underway to help improve the accuracy and availability of baseline information for improved reporting including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust greenhouse gas emissions estimate with the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. • Two 'State of Play' reports related to energy and adaptation in the territory. • Work with the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment to develop recommendations for common metrics and indicators to be used in monitoring the outcomes of the actions laid out in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.
<p>44. The Climate Change Secretariat should publicly report in a consistent manner on progress made on all commitments, and on the expenditures associated with meeting the commitments.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>It is envisioned that reporting systems, including frequency, reporting language, cost, and established metrics for each commitment or target will be part of the new Yukon strategy for</p>	<p>CCS (ENV)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop reporting systems (including frequency, reporting language, cost, and established metrics) for each commitment or target in new Yukon strategy for climate 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>On Track</p>	<p>A methodology for reporting will be developed at the outset of the new strategy development, with work to begin mid-2018.</p> <p>Work is already underway to set the foundations for improved reporting processes for the Climate Change</p>

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55. The Department of Environment, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the Department of Community Services should complete their work to carry out concrete actions in a timely manner to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This work could include, but is not limited to, implementing recommendations from reports, making information available to decision makers, and explicitly incorporating climate change into directives, processes, and policies so that they are integrated into decision-making.	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>The Department of Environment, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the Department of Community Services will carry out concrete actions in a timely manner. It is envisioned that the new 2019 Yukon strategy for climate change, energy, and green economy will include milestones and target completion dates to support decision making. Where appropriate, recommendations from reports will be included in directives, processes, and policies.</p>	All departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include milestones and target completion dates to support decision making as part of new Yukon strategy for climate change, energy, and green economy. • Where appropriate, recommendations from reports will be included in directives, processes, and policies. 	Ongoing	On Track	<p>It is intended that clear milestones and target completion dates will be established as part of the strategy development in 2018.</p> <p>The more holistic approach to working with Yukon First Nations and communities (all Yukon and transboundary First Nations, all Yukon municipalities, the Inuvialuit, the Council of Yukon First Nations, and the Association of Yukon communities were invited to partner in developing the strategy) will support the implementation of concrete adaptation action across the territory.</p>