

Evaluation Approach

The evaluation of the five alternative haul routes has been conducted in a systematic manner:

- Consistent with standard Ontario Environmental Assessment Procedures,
- A comparative evaluation which involved separate evaluations:
 - qualitative evaluation
 - quantitative evaluation
- Two different evaluation methods which serves two purposes:
 - Identify the sensitivity of the evaluation criteria to a particular route
 - Test if the two methods arrive at the same preliminary preferred haul route.

To arrive at the preliminary preferred alternative we conducted a comparative evaluation using two separate methods to independently arrive at the preferred alternative haul routes. The methodologies applied have been used previously in Environmental Assessments and are consistent with established evaluation procedures. The results of the two methods are then compared to confirm or adjust the preferred alternative(s).

