

What is the difference between CEAM and CIMP?

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The NWT CEAM Strategy and Framework and the NWT Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Audit are often confused. They are **SEPARATE** initiatives. Neither controls the other.

Name	NWT Cumulative Effects Assessment and Management (CEAM) Strategy and Framework	NWT Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Audit (formerly called the Mackenzie Valley Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program, MVCIMP)	
Origin	Ministerial commitment from DIAND and Environment Canada following environmental assessment of the Diavik Diamonds Project, December 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land claims and self-government: Gwich'in (1992), Sahtu (1993, in effect 1994), Tlicho (initialled 2002) ▪ Legislation: MVRMA (<i>Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act</i>) Part 6 (1998) 	
Main activities and goals	<p>Provides 'refusable advice' to decision-makers to improve environmental management and stewardship in the NWT. ie. makes recommendations to facilitate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the protection of ecological integrity ▪ the building of sustainable communities, including social and cultural dimensions, and ▪ responsible economic development within a sound environmental management framework. <p>The recommendations were developed after identifying the components of an "ideal" framework for managing cumulative effects and comparing this framework with the NWT situation. The components include land use planning, baseline studies and monitoring, information management, and several others (see 'CEAM Components' diagram*).</p> <p>The recommendations are set out in a territorial level "Implementation Blueprint for the CEAM in the NWT and its Regions" and in "CEAM Regional Plans of Action" for areas with high development pressures.</p>	<p>NWT CIMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitors cumulative impacts of land and water uses and waste deposits ▪ Funds and supports projects to fill key gaps in monitoring ▪ Reports to decision-makers and the public on the state of the NWT environment ▪ Builds community capacity ▪ Provides information to the independent audit 	<p>INDEPENDENT AUDIT</p> <p>At least once every 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determines what changes are occurring in the environment, how, why, and significance ▪ Recommends improvements to the NWT CIMP ▪ Recommends improvements to land and water management ▪ Reviews responses to recommendations of previous audits <p>▪ First audit to occur in 2003.</p>
Relationship to Each Other	<p>Although the CEAM Strategy and Framework and NWT CIMP and Audit are separate initiatives, they are related because they each contribute to integrated environmental management in the NWT. The aim is that the CEAM, the NWT CIMP, and the Audit inform and work co-operatively with one another where possible. The key relationships are as follows:</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>The CEAM Implementation Blueprint identifies monitoring and auditing as essential components of cumulative effects management and recognizes the major roles the NWT CIMP and Audit can play in improving cumulative effects management for those components. Key recommendations of the Blueprint are to implement the NWT CIMP and Audit as soon as possible.</p>		
Managing Group	<p>CEAM Steering Committee: DIAND, Environment Canada, GNWT-RWED, Regional Aboriginal Organizations (without prejudice to land claims and self-government), MVEIRB, ENGOS, Mining Industry, Oil and Gas Industry. Several Nunavut organizations are observers.</p> <p>The CEAM Steering Committee makes recommendations to resource management decision-makers. The Committee plans to bring these decision-makers together at an annual CEAM Forum, starting in 2003.</p>	<p>NWT CIMP Working Group: DIAND, GNWT-RWED, Regional Aboriginal Organizations (without prejudice to land claims and self-government). Observers: DFO, EC, MVEIRB. When regulations are written under Part VI of the MVRMA, they will likely establish a federal-territorial-Aboriginal partnership body ('Responsible Authority') to manage the NWT CIMP and support the Audit. Until that time DIAND and the Working Group will continue to do this work.</p> <p>Auditor: The Auditor will be independent of all key NWT resource management decision-makers, including the NWT CIMP Responsible Authority, and must not have been contracted to such a body on cumulative effects-related tasks or employed by such a body within the two years before being appointed.</p>	
Current funding	DIAND and Environment Canada	DIAND	
Future Funding	Detailed costing for the CEAM Implementation Blueprint is being developed and will identify areas where existing resources can be used more effectively as well as areas where new money may be required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The NWT CIMP and Audit are projected to cost about \$3 - \$5 million annually. This amount does not overlap with CEAM implementation costs. ▪ The funding will be sought from the Government of Canada. 	
Geographical Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whole NWT – implementation will vary to reflect regional differences. ▪ Regional Plans of Action are currently being developed or explored in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slave Geological Province - Nunavut organizations are equal partners ▪ Deh Cho ▪ Beaufort-Delta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whole NWT – the Inuvialuit Game Council has chosen to participate in the NWT CIMP and Audit although the MVRMA does not apply to the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. ▪ Implementation will vary to reflect differences in community and regional priorities. ▪ Exact monitoring locations will be determined as implementation proceeds. 	
Information Used	Broad definition of environment: Social, cultural, economic, biological, physical. Includes traditional knowledge and science.	Broad definition of environment: Social, cultural, economic, biological, physical. Includes traditional knowledge and science.	
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Note: This information is provided as a general introduction to CEAM and NWT CIMP and is not a legal description. For other communication materials, *the CEAM Framework Components diagram, detailed workplans, CEAM Steering Committee and NWT CIMP Working Group contact information, and other documents, please refer to the websites or contact the CEAM Secretariat/CIMP Coordinators at DIAND – phone 867-669-2590/ 2595/ 2594.