

# Wanda Wonders about Environmental Approvals.



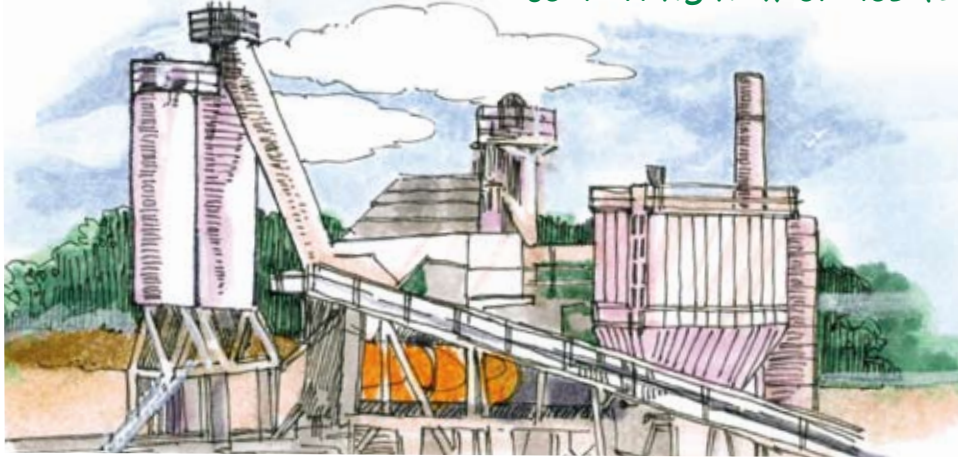
# Environmental Messenger™

Take Time to Plan

## PROJECT PLANNING

The most effective time to consider the environment is at the project planning phase.

There are lots of things to consider when planning something new or modifying an existing operation.



WHEN PLANNING SOMETHING NEW AND WHEN MODIFYING AN EXISTING OPERATION, CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT.

Plan the project to:

- Use less water
- Use fewer resources
- Use less energy
- Create less waste
- Support the environment
- Comply with environmental regulations



It is necessary to consider what approvals are required for the project or modification. For an existing operation it may mean amending an existing approval.

You may need approvals from the province to:

- receive, handle, store, transfer, treat or process waste
- construct, alter, extend or replace anything that may discharge to air
- store, manage and discharge of stormwater
- collect, treat and discharge of industrial process water
- manage sewage
- transport waste and sewage
- treat water
- pump ground or surface water
- alter, disrupt or destroy fish habitat
- alter surface water drainage
- construct a dam, divert water or manage drainage and
- place culverts and bridges



### Questions

When planning a project how do you consider approval requirements?

What approvals does your operation currently have?

What approvals are you currently applying for?

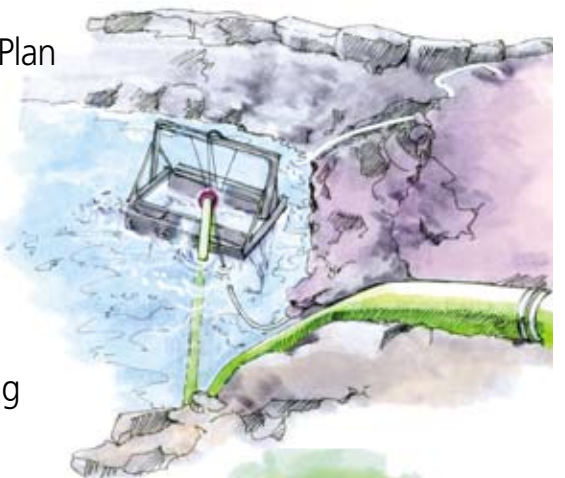
You also have to make sure that the property is zoned appropriately for the proposed use and that the Official Plan designation is consistent with what you are proposing. That means talking to your municipalities.

If your operation is in the Niagara Escarpment Plan you may need a development permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Obtaining the appropriate approvals for any change to your operation is an extremely important part of planning and that takes time.

*If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.*

Yogi Berra



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