

Feedback Received and IESO Responses

Bulk Study Updates (North of Sudbury) – September 30, 2025

The IESO hosted a public webinar on September 30, 2025, to provide updates for the North of Sudbury, Eastern Ontario and South and Central Bulk studies. The IESO received written feedback submissions on the North of Sudbury Bulk plan from:

- [Ontario Rivers Alliance](#)

Each presentation and the webinar recording, along with the IESO's responses to feedback (if requested) are available on the [Eastern Ontario Bulk Plan](#), the [North of Sudbury Bulk Plan](#), and the [South and Central Bulk Study](#) webpages.

Note on Feedback Summary and IESO Responses

The IESO appreciates receiving feedback from participants about our work. The responses to the feedback about this study are organized by topic.

North of Sudbury Bulk Study

Topic	Feedback
<p>The Ontario Rivers Alliance's indicated their opposition to any planning scenario that included new or expanded hydropower, specifically in the Moose River Basin, citing that this is inconsistent with the Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment. They recommended that the IESO model the least expensive solution and that grid modernization should be prioritized along with renewables.</p>	<p>Thank you for this feedback. This study aims to manage the growing electricity demand driven by new mining and industrial electrification, connecting new supply resources while addressing constraints in the existing transmission network. Our options analysis will focus on closing reliability gaps, overcoming challenges in adding new capacity, managing congestion during periods of high generation, addressing aging infrastructure, and assessing opportunities for long lead-time resources. Hydroelectric potential may be considered in future planning initiatives in the region, if the option aligns with the identified system needs and planning criteria.</p> <p>The province's long-term energy plan, <i>Energy for Generations</i>, identifies hydroelectric development and refurbishment as key actions to maintain system performance and meet future demand. Should you wish to raise your concerns with the government, you may contact them via email at MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca</p>
<p>The Ontario Rivers' Alliance expressed concerns about Indigenous consultation by the IESO/province to ensure broad understanding, and while they expressed support for Indigenous participation in electricity projects, they cautioned against prioritizing economic development over the environment.</p>	<p>The IESO believes that Indigenous engagement and economic participation is critical to the success of electricity infrastructure projects in Ontario. The IESO is committed to meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities and that includes ensuring that the technical, economic, and environmental factors are discussed, concerns are heard, and that feedback is incorporated as we develop recommendations to meet the study objectives.</p>