NEB Modernization Discussion Paper #2
Mandate and Regulatory Framework

Question #1 - What are your views on the NEB's existing mandate?

The discussion paper states that "The NEB's regulatory mandate extends over the lifecycle of a project – from the planning and application assessment and authorization, through construction and operations, and finally abandonment." Consistent with that mandate, the frame of environmental assessment should also cover the life cycle of a project. Several intervenors in the review process for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, including Metro Vancouver, put forward the argument that there was inconsistency in the scope used to bound the assessment of environmental and socio-economic costs compared to the benefits.

Question #3 - Are there emerging areas for which the NEB's mandate should be expanded? If so, what are they??

The discussion paper states that "no federal regime has yet been established for other emerging offshore energy sources such as offshore renewables or other emerging forms of renewable energy." Emerging forms of renewable energy should be considered within the NEB's mandate, which would be consistent with a renewed or enhanced focus on climate change at the federal government level.