



**Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Detailed Management Action Plan**  
**For the recommendations of [Report 3—Zero Plastic Waste \(oag-bvg.gc.ca\)](#)**  
**Spring 2024 Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development**

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34	To have more information about results and determine whether it is using the right tools to reduce plastic waste, Environment and Climate Change Canada should develop a data framework to compile existing information-gathering initiatives and identify the gaps in the information to measure progress toward the 2030 zero plastic waste goal. Once these are identified, the framework should guide organizations on focusing on and prioritizing information gathering.	Agree. ECCC will develop a data framework to: 1) compile existing information-gathering activities; and, 2) identify remaining data gaps in the information to measure progress towards the 2030 zero plastic waste goal. ECCC will finalize this framework by March 31, 2025.	ECCC uses the data framework to identify information gaps to be filled, and to prioritize information-gathering in order to be able to measure progress towards zero plastic waste.	March 31, 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Audit recommendation shared with participating departments (April 30, 2024)</li> <li>2. Compile information-gathering initiatives by all participating departments, and map collaboration/integration with on-going Branch and departmental data management activities (June 30, 2024)</li> <li>3. Parameters of data framework, including disaggregated data and accessibility requirements are developed (September 30, 2024)</li> <li>4. Gap analysis is completed to establish what information is missing in measuring progress towards zero plastic waste (December 31, 2024)</li> <li>5. Final data framework is implemented, and initial list of information gaps to be prioritized is developed (March 31, 2025)</li> </ol>	Strategic and Horizontal Policy Unit, Plastics and Marine Litter Division (PMLD), Plastics and Waste Management Directorate (PWMD), Environmental Protection Branch (EPB)
38	To improve the transparency of results reporting and provide the information needed to correct course when necessary, Environment and Climate Change Canada should, in its annual departmental results reports, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• include an overall assessment of the progress of the initiative toward achieving its long-term desired results</li> </ul>	Agree. The department will include information on the progress of the initiative, based on available data, in the departmental results report starting in the 2024-25 report.	Annual Departmental Results Report reflects the progress of federal contributions towards the Canada-wide goal of zero plastic waste, and explains why any targets have not been met.	March 31, 2025	Starting in March 2025 and going forward to March 2027, the ECCC Departmental Results Reports (DRR) contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results from 2024 and 2027 federal progress reports on how all Canadian actors are contributing to the zero plastic waste by 2030 goal.</li> <li>• Based on available data, assessments of the progress of individual federal</li> </ul>	Strategic and Horizontal Policy Unit, PMLD, PWMD, EPB



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>include assessments of the progress of individual activities toward achieving the long-term desired results of the initiative</li> <li>clearly state the instances where targets were not met and explain the reasons why.</li> </ul>				activities toward achieving the long-term desired results of the initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanations about instances where targets were not met</li> </ul>	
41	To track progress in meeting gender-based analysis plus criteria and objectives, Environment and Climate Change Canada should <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>in the data framework recommended earlier (paragraph 3.34), identify the disaggregated performance data it needs</li> <li>in its results tracking tables, translate the criteria and objectives into performance indicators, targets, and outcomes that organizations should then monitor and report on progress made</li> </ul>	Agree. Using the information gathered on GBA+ when the initiative was developed and informed by indicators used in other ECCC programs, the department will develop GBA+ indicators to track progress annually. The indicators will be developed by March 31, 2025 and will be reported in the annual departmental results report.	At least two indicators are used to track progress in meeting GBA+ criteria and objectives and reported on annually.	November 30, 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing activity-level GBA+ considerations are identified in partnership with participating departments (June 30, 2024)</li> <li>Disaggregated data needs for at least two indicators are identified via data framework development process (September 30, 2024)</li> <li>At least two indicators are developed in partnership with participating departments (March 31, 2025)</li> <li>Indicators are reported on in the ECCC DRR (November 30, 2025)</li> </ol>	Strategic and Horizontal Policy Unit, PMLD, PWMD, EPB
49	Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, and Statistics Canada should complete the identification of all risks at every level of the initiative and should review and monitor them on an ongoing basis.	Agree. ECCC has added quarterly risk reporting to existing partner department risk monitoring processes. ECCC will also review the risks in line with the development of its corporate risk profile and ensure that any new risks are identified and included in risk monitoring and reporting mechanisms.	Quarterly reporting includes reporting on initiative-level risks. ECCC-specific risks are identified in its corporate risk profile.	June 30, 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECCC revised the horizontal initiative's quarterly reporting template to include reporting on changes in risk levels, and on efficacy of any mitigation actions taken (Completed December 31, 2023)</li> <li>Individual ECCC activity risks are reviewed in accordance with the corporate risk profile (June 30, 2024)</li> <li>Risks are reviewed on an on-going basis as initiative activities evolve (Quarterly review and reporting on-going)</li> </ol>	Strategic and Horizontal Policy Unit, PMLD, PWMD, EPB



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50	Environment and Climate Change Canada should consolidate the results of the completed risk identification and communicate them among the partners in accordance with the risk management framework required by the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat	Agree. The new quarterly risk reporting was developed in accordance with the Treasury Board risk management framework. Departments are required to provide a risk statement, the anticipated risk impact, the current status and potential mitigation actions, the initial risk level reported in the submission and whether that risk level has changed. The department will assess the effectiveness of this process in 2025 to ensure that risk information is communicated appropriately to support informed decision-making.	Identified risks are presented to the horizontal initiative's oversight committees.	December 31, 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly risk reporting is reviewed by the interdepartmental Assistant Deputy Minister-, Director General-, and director-level oversight committees to inform decision-making. (Process to quarterly report completed December 2023, quarterly reporting on-going)</li> <li>Assessment of the effectiveness of this process to ensure that risk information is communicated appropriately to support informed decision-making (December 31, 2025)</li> </ol>	Strategic and Horizontal Policy Unit, PMLD, PWMD, EPB
54	Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, and Statistics Canada should put mechanisms in place to monitor the effectiveness of risk responses. This should include target dates for tracking progress on the completion of risk responses.	Agree. The department will collaborate with the entities identified to review current risk monitoring and tracking processes to ensure that mitigation measures are having their intended impacts.	Quarterly risk monitoring and reporting processes present impacts of any risk mitigation measures.	March 31, 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified entities to meet and discuss effectiveness of current risk monitoring and mitigation measures at half-way point of the initiative (March 31, 2025)</li> <li>Identified entities are required to report on the effectiveness of any risk mitigation measures through the horizontal initiative's quarterly reporting (Process to quarterly report completed December 2023, quarterly reporting on-going)</li> </ol>	Strategic and Horizontal Policy Unit, PMLD, PWMD, EPB

**Note:**

- The Audit and Evaluation Branch will refer to this management action plan in its periodical follow-up with each Branch Head and in its report to the Deputy Minister on the progress made in implementing the OAG or CESD recommendations.