

## **Energy Policy and Infrastructure in Canada and Norway**

There are currently several major energy-related decision making processes underway in Canada. These include the modernization of the National Energy Board, the Regional Cumulative Effects Assessment of the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson system, and the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line Project.

Existing UWinnipeg research in this area involves critique and engagement with the design and implementation both of the projects themselves as well as the processes in place to determine their projected impacts and secure government approvals. Student opportunities in this area include critiquing impact statements based on specific aspects (e.g., adaptive management in follow-up and management programs; evaluating proponent-driven analyses of different ecosystem components, such as fish & fish habitat, cumulative effects, etc). In addition students could be part of work that explores the implications of specific energy projects at the policy level, by contrasting approaches against best practice in Canada, and internationally (as compared to approaches implement in Norway. For more information contact [Dr. Patricia Fitzpatrick](#).