Social acceptability in the BAPE hearings:
a view on a 40-year history

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A six-point history

1. The BAPE’s creation
2. The beginnings
3. The 1990’s
4. The 2000’s
5. The contemporary period
6. The future
The BAPE’s creation in 1978
The beginnings
The beginnings

The emergence of the social acceptability concept

Highlights:


- *Aerial spray program against spruce budworm* – report 16, 1984

The 1990’s

The risk perception

Highlights:

- Emergence of the waste management projects (landfills and dry materials)
- Dry storage of spent nuclear fuel from Gentilly-2 plant
- Project of a landfill in Larouche
- Project of a wind farm in Gaspésia
The 2000’s

Sustainability and psychosocial impacts

Highlights:

- Public consultation about the pig production sustainability in Québec
- Project of the implantation of the LNG terminal Rabaska and the related infrastructures
- Project of a landfill in Danford Lake in the municipality of Allen-et-Cawood
- Wind farms deployment
From 2010 to today

Defining and framing

Highlights:

- Project of opening and exploiting an apatite mine in Sept-Îles
- Uranium industry issues in Québec
- Project of a wind farm in MRC of the Basques and Rimouski-Neigette
Today: from 2015 to 2017
Outlook on the future

Commissions’ challenges

1. Establishing an accurate picture of the social acceptability of the project under consideration
   a) Debate’s geographical boundaries
   b) Population representativity during the hearings

2. Ensuring to find improvement possibilities so late in the process
Outlook on the future

The organization’s challenges

1. Maintaining our transparency, listening, openness and neutrality
2. Ensuring the quality of the public information
3. Persevering to integrate the sustainability principles in our reflection and making the public aware of their importance and their relevance
4. Cooperating to better define social acceptability and establish a framework
Thank you!