

NEW ELECTRONIC SYSTEM MIA-E | SEMARNAT



On February 3rd, 2017, an Order was published in the Federal Official Gazette in relation with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) new electronic system, through which the submission, assessment and resolution of Environmental Impact Assessments and procedures that may derive from it, is feasible by electronic means (“**MIA-E Portal**”). Such Order also defines the procedures that may be carried out through this optional system, in force as of March 21st this year.

The foregoing, governmental effort is a consequence of the obligation acquired through the National Development Plan, which establishes the need of having a modern government.

The procedures that may be submitted through the MIA-E Portal are the following:

- Submission, assessment and resolution of Preemptive Report
- Submission, assessment and resolution of Environmental Impact Assessment (“**MIA**”) in its particular modality that does not include highly hazardous activity
- Submission, assessment and resolution of MIA in its particular modality that does include highly hazardous activity
- Submission, assessment and resolution of MIA in its regional modality that does not include highly hazardous activity
- Submission, assessment and resolution of MIA in its regional modality that does include highly hazardous activity
- Exemption from the submission of the MIA

For the use of this system, prior registration in the National System of Electronic Procedures is required through its [website](#) and it will be necessary to have an Advanced Electronic Signature for the submissions. In cases where printed documents are required, these shall be digitalized and uploaded in relevant electronic system.

Finally, there are two relevant aspects worth mentioning in relation with the integration of the case file and public consultation within the MIA procedure through the MIA-E Portal: (i) the publication of the extract of the project shall be incorporated in the electronic system, following the same terms foreseen for the “traditional procedure”, and (ii) for the purposes of the public consultation, the requests shall also be digitalized and incorporated in the case file; therefore granting the applicant more certainty regarding the resolution periods of this phase, since also the comments and opinions that are received will have to be digitalized.

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Should you have any questions or queries regarding the above or any environmental related matter, please feel free to contact us.

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