

PCH Piedade

As part of the EIA process for the project, a formal public meeting was held in the nearby town of Monte Alegre on December 10, 2003. As per the Brazilian EIA requirements, the meeting was conducted in coordination with the regulatory agency and the announcement of the purpose, time and location of the meeting was published in local newspapers.

Due to subsequent changes in the Piedade project design (e.g., an increase in MW output and a change in the axis of the dam), a revised EIA and public consultation exercise was required. As part of this process, a second public meeting to present the updated project design was held to inform the public. Per the Brazilian process for an amended EIA, the second public meeting was announced via signs at various locations in Monte Alegre, and letters were sent to local authorities, interested groups and residents in the project area. The public meeting took place on April 2, 2007.

Copies of the RIMA were and still are available at city hall in Monte Alegre de Minas and at the GLEP office in Monte Alegre de Minas. FEAM, the State of Minas Gerais Regulatory Agency, also maintains a copy of the RIMA at its regional office.