

Independent Monitoring of the Camisea Natural Gas Project, Peru

In October of 2003, E-Tech International began exploring with Peruvian civil society the creation of a long-term social and environmental monitoring and response program for the 700-km long Camisea natural gas project. In March, E-Tech met with governmental, industrial, and civil society stakeholders in Peru and developed the initial elements of an independent social and environmental monitoring and response program. In May, E-Tech and the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (NCEIA) met with project investor Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, DC to discuss and subsequently formally propose a short-term audit by NCEIA and a long-term independent monitoring program. E-Tech continues to work with Peruvian civil society to analyze current monitoring conducted by industry and the IDB and to better define the environmental elements of an independent monitoring and response program for the Camisea project.