

NOTICE

Annual work planning and information session

Modifications made to the obligation for exclusive exploration rights holders

The [Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden](#), S.Q. 2026, chapter 12, was assented to on June 11, 2026. It amends section 65.1 of the [Mining Act](#), CQLR, chapter M-13.1, which was introduced in the [Mining Act](#) (hereinafter “MA”) on November 29, 2024, by [An Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions](#), S.Q., 2024, chapter 36. Section 65.1 MA, as amended, came into force retroactively on June 1, 2026.

Pursuant to this amended provision, the exclusive exploration right (DEE) holder has the obligation to submit an annual work planning **to the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF)**, as well as to the representatives of any local municipality located in the region of the land subject to the right and, as the case may be, of any Indigenous nation or community concerned, at least 30 days before the start of exploration work on site, including airborne geophysical surveys.

The planning should also include a report of the work completed in the previous year, if applicable.

This obligation is extended annually as long as the work continues.

As such, the annual work planning produced starting from June 1, 2026, must meet the new legislative requirements.

The work planning shall be submitted using the form provided by the Minister: [Annual Work Planning](#) and accompanied by the following documents:

- a property map with the location of the planned work;
- shapefiles with the property's exclusive exploration rights numbers and the location of the planned work.

The DEE holder must send their annual work planning to the MRNF at the following address: pat@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca.

At the request of the representative of the local municipality or Indigenous community concerned, the DEE holder shall hold an information session concerning the annual planning of the work. During an information session, the representative may make observations and present information complementary to that presented by the DEE holder in their planning.

Thereafter, the DEE holder shall post the annual work planning and, if applicable, a summary of the information session on their website. This summary should be written using the following template provided by the MRNF: [Information session summary](#).

For the email addresses of local municipalities, please visit [Répertoire des municipalités | Gouvernement du Québec](#).

For the email addresses of Indigenous communities or any other questions, please contact the Service de la gestion et du contrôle des droits miniers at pat@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca.