

Annual work planning and information session

New obligations for exclusive exploration rights holders

The Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions (Act 36) was assented to on November 29, 2024. Most of its provisions came into force immediately. However, the coming into force of the new section 65.1 has been deferred until **May 30, 2025**.

Pursuant to this provision, exclusive exploration rights (DEE) holders have the obligation to submit an annual work planning 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.

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

As such, the exploration work to be carried out starting on or after May 30, 2025, must have met this requirement at least 30 days before the start of that work.

Work planning shall be submitted using the following 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.

DEE holders are strongly encouraged to cc the MRNF when sending these documents using 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 plan 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 email addresses of Indigenous communities or any other questions, please contact the Service de gestion des droits miniers at pat@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca.