

Notice of Enactment

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine

The *Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine* (chapter M-13.1, r. 2) was adopted at the National Assembly of Québec on January 23, 2024 and enacted on February 7, 2024, the date on which it was published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. It brings into force sections 69, 69.1 and 69.2 of the *Mining Act* (chapter M-13.1), amended by the *Act mainly to enforce the reinforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation, to ensure the responsible management of pesticides and to implement certain measures of the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy concerning zero emission vehicles (2022, chapter 8)*, assented to on April 12, 2022. This regulation, and the amendment to sections 69, 69.1 and 69.2 of the *Mining Act*, will come into force on May 6, 2024.

This Regulation simplifies the title of the *Regulation respecting mineral substances other than petroleum, natural gas and brine* by replacing it with "Mining Regulation".

It also contains a list of what constitutes impact-causing exploration work and sets the conditions for the issuing and renewal of authorizations for impact-causing exploration work (authorizations or ATI).

Beginning on May 6, 2024, an authorization must be obtained before any of the following work may be carried out:

- work carried out using hydraulic machinery or explosives, in particular
 - (a) excavating in overburden;
 - (b) rock stripping;
 - (c) bulk sampling;
 - (d) drill-holes in overburden or in rock;
 - (e) seismic refraction geophysical surveys.
- work carried out using a hydraulic pump for gold mining purposes.

The Minister of Natural Resources and Forests will issue the authorization when the claim holder applying for it has met the following conditions:

- (1) It has gathered the questions, requests and comments of the local municipalities and the Native communities concerned, where applicable, and has provided answers; and
- (2) It has filed an application on the form supplied by the Minister for that purpose, and has included a report on the exchanges with the local municipalities and the Native communities, where applicable, that indicates the questions, requests and comments received and the answers of the claim holder.

The authorization application form can be found on the [website of the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts](#).

If you would like additional information, please contact the Centre de services des mines at: services.mines@mrfn.gouv.qc.ca.