

PROCEDURE FOR PREPARING THE REPORT OF EXCHANGES FOR AN APPLICATION FOR AN AUTHORIZATION FOR IMPACT-CAUSING EXPLORATION WORK

This directive enters into force on May 1, 2026. It renders null and void any previous directives on the same subject. The directive is adopted pursuant to [paragraph 3 of section 69](#) of the Mining Act (CQLR, chapter M-13.1) as well as [subparagraph \(f\) of section 12](#) of the Mining Regulation (CQLR, chapter M-13.1, r.2). These sections mention the following:

69. The holder of an exclusive exploration right must obtain the authorization of the Minister before performing any impact-causing exploration work determined by regulation. The Minister issues the authorization provided the holder of an exclusive exploration right

- 1° has paid the fees prescribed by regulation;
- 2° has furnished the guarantee referred to in section 232.4 of this Act, where applicable; and
- 3° has met the other conditions prescribed by regulation.

The holder of an exclusive exploration right provides to the Minister, at the Minister's request, any document or information relating to impact-causing exploration work covered by the application for authorization.

12. The Minister issues an authorization for impact-causing exploration work where, in addition to the conditions provided for in the first paragraph of section 69 of the Act, a holder of an exclusive exploration right meets the following conditions:

- 1° has gathered the questions, requests and comments of the local municipalities and the Native communities concerned, where applicable, and has provided answers; and
- 2° files an application on the form supplied by the Minister for that purpose and includes the following information:

[...]

- f) a report on the exchanges with the local municipalities and the Native communities, where applicable, that indicates in particular the questions, requests and comments received and the answers of the holder of an exclusive exploration right;

[...]

When requesting an authorization for impact-causing exploration work (hereinafter “ATI”), the holder of an exclusive exploration right (hereinafter “DEE”) must include a report on exchanges with local municipalities and Indigenous communities, where applicable. This report is a summary of the questions, requests and comments received from the local municipality and Indigenous communities during the discussions, as well as the answers and clarifications provided by the DEE holder.

The report of exchanges must

- be written in the templates provided on the departmental site for [local municipalities](#) and [Indigenous communities](#);
- be written in French;
- be depersonalized, i.e., not presenting any information of a confidential nature that allows or may enable the identification of a particular person or that is likely to harm privacy (e.g., first name, last name, address, telephone number, email address, job position, etc.).

A separate report must also be produced for each of the Indigenous communities as well as each of the local municipalities with which exchanges took place.

It is important to note that, as of May 1, 2026, any reports that do not meet the above criteria will be rejected.

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