

# Updated and new standard conditions for exploration activities

Following consultation on the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety's (the department) Programme of Work (PoW) Guidance and Exploration Rehabilitation Guidance, the department will be implementing the following changes to its [Schedule of Standard Conditions](#).

## Standard conditions clarifying rehabilitation timeframes

The department has updated its existing standard condition to extend the exploration rehabilitation timeframe from six months to 12 months. In conjunction, the department has developed a new condition allowing for the retention of exploration supporting infrastructure until it is no longer required to support exploration (or the associated PoW has expired).

### New standard conditions:

- Exploration disturbances, excluding supporting infrastructure, being backfilled and rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Environmental Officer, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. Backfilling and rehabilitation being required no later than **12 months** after completion of the activity unless otherwise approved in writing by the Environmental Officer, Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.
- All supporting infrastructure for exploration including core yards, laydowns, camps, and access tracks (excluding drill lines), being rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Environmental Officer, Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. Rehabilitation being required by the earlier of 12 months from the infrastructure being no longer required to support exploration, or 12 months from the relevant Programme of Work expiring, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Environmental Officer, Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.

## Standard condition requiring maintenance of exploration and rehabilitation records and provision of an exploration rehabilitation report upon request

The department has developed a new standard condition, requiring tenement holders to maintain records of exploration/prospecting activities and associated rehabilitation. The intention of this condition is to ensure tenement holders can demonstrate compliance with rehabilitation tenement conditions and commitments made in the PoW application.

The specific format and type of rehabilitation data tracked will be at the discretion of the tenement holder, provided it can demonstrate to the department (if requested) that all rehabilitation commitments have been met.

### Wording of new standard condition:

- The tenement holder must maintain appropriate records of exploration/prospecting activities, and associated rehabilitation undertaken, in order to demonstrate compliance with all conditions and environmental management and rehabilitation practice commitments. These records to be made available to the department upon request.

### Standard condition requiring compliance with approved Programme of Work

The department has developed a new standard condition to clarify that tenement holders must comply with the environmental management and rehabilitation practice commitments made in approved PoWs. This single condition has been developed in lieu of individual conditions imposed for each specific commitment.

### Wording of new standard condition:

- All exploration and prospecting operations to comply with the environmental management and rehabilitation practice commitments provided in the approved Programme of Work.

### Implementation of updated conditions

Once the schedule of standard conditions has been updated, these new conditions will be imposed on all new mining tenements at grant.

For existing tenements, the department will update and/or impose these new conditions progressively. Tenement holders will be advised in writing once they have been updated.