

BC's Notice of Work (NoW) Process

In British Columbia, explorers who plan to undertake mechanized mineral exploration activities, must complete a Notice of Work (NoW) application to receive permits to explore.

Referrals & Consultation

Government reviews potential impacts on wildlife and initiates formal consultation with Indigenous groups.

NoW Process

Various government ministries are involved in the NoW process. Submit a description of work and site specific plan. A NoW application includes details about the location and geography of the potential site and the proposed work including drilling, camp, road building and reclamation activities. Other authorizations may arise at this stage.



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NoW Permit Issued & Approved

Additional permits may be required for water use, timber cutting, road use or camp building

NoW Rejected

Move to non-mechanized activity or address permitting requirements for approval.

Mechanized Exploration

Exploration activities must be conducted in accordance with the Mines Act, the Health Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC and permit conditions. An Annual Summary of Exploration Activities must be submitted.

Apply for a NoW

Non-mechanized Exploration Activity

Activities like early stage prospecting, soil sampling and airborne geophysical surveys, do not require a NoW application.