

## New minerals legislation

# Compliance, monitoring and enforcement



Natural resource officers monitor and inspect mines in the territory.

Natural resource officers help ensure that mining is done responsibly and the environment is protected. They monitor and inspect mine sites and enforce Yukon's laws and regulations.

We're considering a suite of new enforcement tools and penalties. Our goal is to ensure proponents follow all the requirements that are part of their licence. We are also considering ways to enable the greater involvement of Indigenous governments in compliance, monitoring, and enforcement.

### The challenges

Natural resource officers have limited tools at their disposal when ensuring proponents comply with the requirements in their permits and licences. Existing penalties are not always effective deterrents.

Information isn't always easily accessible, and many Indigenous governments have limited involvement in compliance, monitoring and enforcement activities.

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## Potential approaches

These are some of the approaches that we're considering. We'd like to hear your thoughts.

- **Compliance, monitoring and enforcement tools**

New approaches could include search, seizure or forfeiture provisions, summary conviction tickets for minor infractions and escalating responses for repeated infractions.

- **Penalties and deterrence**

The fine structure could be updated to provide more effective deterrents. Repeat offenders could see escalating penalties.

- **Public accountability and transparency**

We're considering a public registry for all project information including authorizations and inspection reporting.

- **Collaborations between Yukon government and Indigenous governments**

This could include enabling designations of staff from Indigenous governments for inspecting, enforcement and monitoring.

