

Yukon Geological Survey Fact Sheet

This fact sheet explains the role of the Yukon Geological Survey of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR).



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Yukon Geological Survey

Yukon Geological Survey staff provide geoscience and technical information required to enable stewardship and sustainable development of the Yukon's energy, mineral and land resources.

Services and Responsibilities

The Yukon Geological Survey contributes significantly to the geoscience knowledge base of the territory by collecting, compiling, and distributing scientific and technical information on the geology, mineral and hydrocarbon resources of the territory.

This baseline geoscience information supports exploration, development and management of minerals, oil and gas, and other resources.

Programs and services include:

- geological mapping of bedrock and surficial deposits;
- regional geophysical and geochemical surveys;
- studying mineral deposits;
- studying placer deposits and mapping surficial deposits;
- reviewing and approving assessment reports;
- providing incentives to prospectors and junior exploration companies (Yukon Mining Incentives Program);
- researching mitigation and the prevention of environmental problems related to mining and mineral exploration through the Mining Environmental Research Group (MERG);
- conducting mineral potential assessments for protected areas and land use planning;
- publishing and distributing geoscience information;
- maintaining geoscience databases (e.g. MINFILE);
- making geoscience information available free of charge over the Internet;
- providing information to a broad range of clients, including Yukon First Nations governments and agencies, schools and the general public; and
- documenting and studying terrain hazards such as landslides and the melting of permafrost.

Q&As - Yukon Geological Survey

Where do I go to obtain maps and publications?

Geoscience Information and Sales
102 - 300 Main Street (Elijah Smith Building), Whitehorse
Phone: (867) 667-5200
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What services are offered by the Yukon Geological Survey?

The Yukon Geological Survey provides scientific and technical information on our geology, mineral deposits and hydrocarbon resources to a broad range of clients, including prospectors, mining and exploration companies, land use planners, communities and First Nations governments.



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Where can I find this information?

Visit www.geology.gov.yk.ca for easy and efficient access to information on Yukon's geology and minerals. Be sure to check out the Map Gallery, where you can customize and print your own map from a variety of data sets. To learn more about the geoscience data available and how to use it, contact us.

What programs are available through the Yukon Geological Survey?

The Yukon Geological Survey administers the **Yukon Mining Incentives Program (YMIP)**. This program is designed to promote and enhance mineral prospecting, exploration and development activities in the Yukon by providing a portion of the risk capital required to locate and explore mineral deposits.



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The **Assay Coupon Program** promotes and supports grassroots mineral prospecting and exploration activities in the territory. Prospectors can receive coupons toward the cost of an assay or analysis. Each prospector can receive up to ten coupons worth a maximum of \$30 each. Each coupon is good for 50 per cent of an assay costing up to \$60. The Assay Coupon Program complements the government's Yukon Mining Incentives Program by supporting prospectors who do not apply or qualify for YMIP. It also provides assistance to YMIP applicants who do additional exploration outside of their approved programs.