

Contaminants and Remediation

DIAND recognizes that contaminated sites must be cleaned up to protect the health and safety of Northerners, to safeguard the environment and to restore a precious part of Canada's natural environment. The **Contaminants and Remediation Directorate (CARD)**, established in 2005, brings together all of DIAND's work associated with federal contaminated sites in the NWT, and the Northern Contaminants Program. The directorate is currently managing 21 contaminated sites in the NWT, at various stages of remediation.

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Renewable Resources & Environment

The **Renewable Resources & Environment (RRE) Directorate** delivers DIAND's environmental programs, implements environmental management measures and operates an environmental laboratory. The directorate is responsible for water resources onshore and offshore in the NWT under the *NWT Waters Act*. It maintains a water quality network, conducts, interprets and distributes water studies and, develops guidelines and codes of practice.

Directorate staff work to ensure the standards and requirements of the federal *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the *NWT Waters Act*, and the *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* are fulfilled by the department in the NWT. They provide expert advice to the NWT Water Board and boards established pursuant to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the Inuvialuit Final Agreement.

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Devolution

The Government of Canada is currently negotiating the transfer of DIAND's remaining provincial-type responsibilities in the NWT. These include the legislative powers, programs and responsibilities for land and resources associated with DIAND's Northern Affairs Program. Also at the table with DIAND are the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Aboriginal Summit. The parties are negotiating an agreement-in-principle which will set out the general approach for the next stage – the negotiation of a Devolution Transfer Agreement.

Northern Affairs Program officials in headquarters and the **Devolution office** in the NWT Region provide negotiating, technical and strategic assistance to the chief federal negotiator. Our regional Devolution office also coordinates regional input and engages other federal departments.

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NWT Regional Overview

In the Northwest Territories, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) has a wide variety of responsibilities.

Land, water and resource management are coordinated through the region's operational directorates which include: Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Pipeline Readiness Office, Operations, Contaminants and Remediation, and Renewable Resources and Environment.

Many of the department's responsibilities to Aboriginal people are met through the work of the Aboriginal and Territorial Relations directorate, including devolution and support to the Intergovernmental Forum, as well as through the Indian and Inuit Services directorate.

The region also has several service-based programs which perform mostly internal functions for the region. These include: Corporate Services, Policy and Planning, Human Resources and Leadership, Marketing and Consultation.

Overseeing all of the programs and services in the NWT Region is the Executive Office which includes the Regional Director General and the Associate Regional Director General. Together with their support staff, the Executive Office is responsible for coordinating the entire region and maintains a close reporting relationship with headquarters in Ottawa.

DIAND's NWT Region employs a team of Northerners who support a strong and healthy territory by:

- **upholding and strengthening Canada's relationship with Aboriginal peoples**
- **promoting and developing relationships with Northerners and stakeholders**
- **supporting responsible resource development**
- **advancing devolution**
- **advocating northern interests**

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NWT Region Operational Directorates

Aboriginal and Territorial Relations

Aboriginal and Territorial Relations (ATR) specializes in issues related to the negotiation and implementation of land, resource and governance agreements in the NWT. Through its involvement in these and intergovernmental matters, ATR also contributes to the evolution of governance in the Northwest Territories, and to building and maintaining productive relationships among the federal, territorial and Aboriginal governments.

The Board Relations Secretariat was formed under ATR and works collaboratively with the northern regulatory boards established under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* to identify and coordinate the tasks needed to allow effective and efficient resource management in the NWT.

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Indian & Inuit Services

DIAND's Indian & Inuit Services Directorate (I&IS) is responsible for supporting First Nations and Inuit organizations in their initiatives to obtain control and accountability for the delivery of a variety of programs and services in their communities. The directorate also ensures timely and efficient delivery of the federal government's fiduciary and statutory obligations.

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Minerals & Petroleum Resources

The Minerals & Petroleum Resources Directorate has responsibilities for the disposition and administration of mineral and oil and gas resources within the Northwest Territories. It supports and promotes investment in resource development in a responsible

and environmentally sustainable manner. The directorate provides a range of information and advice including legislative and regulatory guidance, advice on mineral and oil and gas rights and current geoscience data to industry, Aboriginal groups, communities and government.

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Pipeline Readiness Office

DIAND created a Pipeline Readiness Office (PRO) to prepare for the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. Its mandate is to assist Aboriginal and Northern communities in the areas of capacity, partnerships, environment and research. PRO has responsibilities for not only coordinating DIAND and other federal departments' participation in the environmental assessment and regulatory review of the Mackenzie Gas Project, but also funding regional Aboriginal organizations in the NWT to effectively prepare for and participate in activities related to those reviews and processes.

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Operations

The Operations Directorate administers the field activities of the department in the NWT through its district and sub-district offices, and regulates the use of land under the *Territorial Lands Act* and the *Federal Real Property Act* through its Land Administration office. District offices are located throughout the NWT and are responsible for the administration, inspection and enforcement of environmental legislation, and serve as the field contact for all departmental clients.

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