

## Provincial government aid

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**Newfoundland.** The Mineral Development Division of the Department of Mines and Energy provides the following services in support of exploration and mining activities: a program of mineral assessment to encourage development of mineral resources; inspection of exploration work and mining operations; control of removal of beach sand and gravel as a conservation measure; identification of mineral rock specimens; technical advice to those who seek it; cooperation with the Geological Survey of Canada and other federal government agencies; and publication of data for educational and informational purposes. Geological, geochemical and geophysical reports and maps, and compilations of general data pertaining to specific areas are procurable at nominal cost. Other information from unclassified files is available to interested parties. Prospectors' or miners' permits are issued by the division and mining claims are recorded.

**Nova Scotia.** The Engineering and Inspection Division of the Department of Mines carries out safety inspection of mines, quarries and allied processing plants, development sites and storage facilities for explosives. Diamond drills are available to exploration and producing companies on a contract basis and industry is assisted in surface and subsurface development and construction projects. The division also carries out mine rescue and first aid training and administers all matters relating to mineral rights.

The Mineral Resources and Geological Services Division carries out geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys and studies of occurrences of specific minerals. It publishes the results in annual and specific reports, including maps. The Analytical and Ore Dressing Section, which is affiliated with Nova Scotia Technical College, provides an important service to both the department and industry.

**New Brunswick.** The Department of Natural Resources has two branches providing services to the mining industry, the Mines Branch and the Mineral Resources Branch.

The Mines Branch administers safety regulations. Mines and associated plants are inspected regularly, and mine rescue training is conducted. Mineral statistics reports and reviews of mining operations are prepared.

The Mineral Resources Branch provides the mineral, petroleum and construction industries with basic geological, geochemical and geophysical inspection, as well as maps and data to assist in the discovery and optimum utilization of the province's mineral resources. The administration of Crown owned mineral, petroleum-gas and bituminous shale rights is also the responsibility of this branch, including issuing prospecting licences, recording mining claims and issuing mining licences and leases. Regional offices and core storage facilities are maintained at Sussex and Bathurst. All work filed for assessment credit is filed at these offices and in Fredericton.

**Quebec.** The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for implementing the Mining Act (SQ 1965, c.34) and the Mining Duties Act (SQ 1965, c.35). The branch incorporates the following three directorates: Geology, Mining Domain and Mineral Economics and Development. The Geology Directorate consists of six services: Geological Exploration, Mineral Deposits, Geotechnics, Technical Documentation, Cartography and Technical Revision. The directorate undertakes the geological study of the province and produces detailed area reports and geoscientific maps. The Geotechnics Service deals with developmental problems of particular environments and their geological setting.

The Mining Domain Directorate includes the Mining Titles Service, the Mines Inspection Service, and the Engineering Service. The directorate controls the mining rights granted on Crown lands, registers mining claims and issues development permits or special permits governing the sale or rental of lands for