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Prevention Services – Fact Sheet

Effective September 2026, the Prevention Services Unit is established to provide dedicated, sustainable capacity for prevention, education, engagement, and leading practice promotion across the mining sector.

Purpose and Rationale

- Prevention Services reflects a modern regulatory approach that complements compliance and enforcement with proactive strategies to address risks before serious harm occurs.
- To support voluntary and sustainable compliance and continuous regulatory improvement.

Strategic Role

- Create and promote of collaboration, education, and adoption of leading health and safety and environmental practices.
- Identify emerging and systemic risks and developing practical solutions.
- Lead province-wide prevention initiatives, outreach, education, and industry engagement.
- Evaluate outcomes of prevention initiatives.

Supporting Existing Ministry Operations

- Inspections, compliance verification, and enforcement activities will remain core regulatory functions.
- Prevention Services will complement current frontline prevention efforts with the provision of specialized expertise, resources, education, guidance, and coordinated initiatives to strengthen and support compliance verification and enforcement operations.

Benefits

For Industry and the Public

- Guidance and improved access to leading practices, and greater support for voluntary improvement.
- Better health and safety and environmental outcomes for workers, communities, and industry.
- Publicly available reporting on prevention initiatives and outcomes.
- Increased opportunities for engagement on current and emerging issues.



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For the Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals

- Greater access to prevention expertise, tools, training, and coordinated support.
- Stronger prevention capability and reduced reactive workload over time.
- Improved capacity to identify and address emerging risks.
- Enhanced prevention outcomes and pursuit of regulatory effectiveness.

Engagement with PSU

The mining industry, stakeholders and the public can expect opportunities to collaborate with Prevention Services. Early engagement enables deeper conversations on emerging topics and complex issues affecting worker health and safety and environmental protection.

To collaborate with Prevention Services: mine.preventionservices@gov.bc.ca