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Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in B.C.

Summary of 2026 Code Revisions

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Definitions

Term	Definition
Active flood plain [new]	**"*active flood plain*",** in relation to a stream, means land that is (a) adjacent to the stream, (b) covered by the stream at least once every 5 years, and (c) capable of supporting plant species that are typical of inundated or saturated soil conditions and distinct from plant species on freely drained upland sites adjacent to the land.
All-terrain cycle or ATC [new]	***"all-terrain cycle"*** or ***"ATC"*** means a motorized vehicle that (a) is designed to travel on 1, 2 or 3 low-pressure tires, (b) has handlebars for steering, and (c) has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.
All-terrain vehicle or ATV [new]	***"all-terrain vehicle"*** or ***"ATV"*** means a motorized vehicle, not including an all-terrain cycle (ATC) or a utility terrain vehicle (UTV), that (a) is designed to travel on 4 or more low-pressure tires, endless tracks or a combination of low-pressure tires and endless tracks, (b) has handlebars for steering, and (c) has a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.
Board [updated] Note: previous definitions combined into one definition	**Previous definitions:** ***"board"*** in this part means the Board of Examiners appointed under section 1.13.1 of the Code. ***"Board"*** in this part means the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia. **Updated definition:** **"*board*"** means (a) in Part 1, the Board of Examiners as set out in section 1.13.1 of this code, and (b) in Part 2, the Workers' Compensation Board continued under section 316 of the *Workers Compensation Act*. ,

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Bridge [updated]	**Previous definition:** **"*bridge*"** means a temporary or permanent structure carrying an exploration access above a stream or other topographic depression. **Updated definition:** **"*bridge*",** in Part 9, means a structure that carries an exploration access above a stream, topographic depression or other human-made structure.
Bullying and harassment [new]	***"bullying and harassment"*** means any improper conduct, comment, display, action or gesture by a person towards another person, that the person knows, or reasonably ought to know, will cause the other person physical or psychological injury or illness, or to be humiliated or intimidated, but excludes any reasonable action taken by an employer or supervisor relating to the management and direction of employees or the place of employment.
Controlled product [repealed] Note: definition repealed as term is outdated and no longer used in the Code	**Previous definition – now repealed:** **"*controlled product*"** means a product, material or substance specified by regulations made pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the *Hazardous Products Act* (Canada) as products, materials and substances included in any of the classes listed in Schedule II of that Act.
Culvert [updated]	**Previous definition:** **"*culvert*"** means a transverse drain pipe or log structure buried below the exploration access surface. **Updated definition:** **"*culvert*"** means one or more pipes, pipe arches or structures that are covered with soil, lie below an exploration access surface and are used to carry water, but does not include log structures for stream culverts.
Electrical room [new]	**"*electrical room*"** means a dedicated space for housing electrical equipment for the purpose of electrical distribution or motor control, such as switchgear, transformers and panelboards.

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Exploration activities [updated]	**Previous definition:** **"*exploration activities*"** are those activities which are undertaken in the search for and development of coal and minerals, as defined in the *Mineral Tenure Act*, with the exception of placer minerals: (a) and include (i) disturbance of the ground by mechanical means such as drilling, trenching and excavating; (ii) blasting; (iii) construction, modification, deactivation and reclamation of an exploration access and camps; (iv) induced polarization surveys using exposed electrodes; and (v) site reclamation. (b) but do not include (i) prospecting using hand tools; (ii) geological/geochemical surveying; (iii) airborne geophysical surveying; (iv) ground geophysical surveying without the use of exposed, energized electrodes; (v) hand trenching without the use of explosives; or (vi) establishment of exploration grid lines that do not require the felling of trees, with the exception of trees and shrubs that create a hazard to safe passage and danger trees as defined in the Workers' Compensation Board Regulation. **Updated definition:** **"*exploration activities*"** means the activities that are undertaken in the search for, and development of, coal and minerals as defined in the *Mineral Tenure Act*, excluding placer minerals, which activities (a) include the following:

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	(i) disturbance of the ground by mechanical means such as drilling, excavation trenches or test pits; (ii) blasting; (iii) construction, modification, maintenance, deactivation and reclamation of an exploration access; (iv) construction, modification, maintenance and reclamation of a camp; (v) induced polarization surveys using exposed electrodes; (vi) site reclamation, and (b) do not include the following: (i) prospecting using hand tools; (ii) geological or geochemical surveying; (iii) airborne surveying; (iv) ground geophysical surveying without the use of exposed, energized electrodes; (v) hand trenching without the use of explosives; or (vi) establishment of exploration grid lines that do not require the felling of trees, with the exception of trees and shrubs that create a hazard to safe passage and dangerous trees as defined in Part 26 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97.
Fixed substation [new]	**"*fixed substation*"** means a permanent facility that is used to generate, transform, transmit or distribute electricity.
HSRC Guidance Document [repealed] Note: definition repealed as term is outdated and no longer used in the Code	**Previous definition – now repealed:** **"*HSRC Guidance Document*"** means the guidance document prepared by the chief inspector in consultation with the health safety and reclamation code committee for the purposes of this code.

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Natural boundary [new]	**"*natural boundary*"** means the visible high-water mark of any lake, river, stream or other body of water where the presence and action of the water is so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark on the soil of the bed of the body of water a character distinct from that of its banks in vegetation as well as in the nature of the soil itself.
Off-road vehicle or ORV [new]	***"off-road vehicle"*** or ***"ORV"*** means a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) or a snowmobile.
Risk phrase [repealed] Note: definition repealed as term is outdated and no longer used in the Code	**Previous definition – now repealed:** ***"risk phrase"*** means, in respect of a controlled product or a class, division, or subdivision of controlled products, a statement identifying a hazard that may arise from the nature of the controlled product or the class, division, or subdivision of controlled products.
Sexual harassment [new]	***"sexual harassment"*** means (a) any vexatious comment or conduct by a person towards another person relating to the other person's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression that the person knows, or reasonably ought to know, will be unwelcome, or (b) any sexual solicitation or advance by a person towards another person in circumstances in which the person (i) knows, or reasonably ought to know, the sexual solicitation or advance will be unwelcome, or (ii) is in a position to confer, grant or deny a job benefit or advancement to the other person.
Snowmobile [new]	***"snowmobile"*** means a motorized vehicle that (a) is designed for travel on snow or ice, (b) has one or more steering skis, (c) is self-propelled by means of one or more endless tracks driven in contact with the ground, and (d) has a seat designed for the rider to sit astride.
Threshold limit value – time weighted average (TLV-TWA)	**Previous definition:**

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Note: minor update to definition to correct error	***"threshold limit value – time weighted average (TLV-TWA)"*** means the time weighed average concentration for a normal 8 hour day and a 40 hour workweek to which nearly all workers can be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. **Updated definition:** ***"threshold limit value – time weighted average (TLV-TWA)"*** means the time weighted average concentration for a normal 8-hour day and a 40-hour workweek to which nearly all workers can be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect.
Underground enclosure [updated] Note: minor update to clarify in which Part the definition applies	**Previous definition:** **"*underground enclosure defined*"** in this part means any area in an underground mine that is used to enclose equipment, machinery, or to provide shelter, and is a suitable working environment. It includes service garages, fuelling stations, fuel, and lubrication storage areas. **Updated definition:** ***"underground enclosure",*** in Part 4, means any area in an underground mine that is used to enclose equipment and machinery, or to provide shelter, and is a suitable working environment. It includes service garages, fuelling stations, and fuel and lubrication storage areas.
Utility terrain vehicle or UTV [new]	***"utility terrain vehicle"*** or ***"UTV"*** means a motorized vehicle, not including a golf cart or other low-speed vehicle, that (a) is designed to travel on 4 or more low-pressure tires, endless tracks or a combination of low-pressure tires and endless tracks, (b) has a steering wheel or steering stick, and (c) has one or more seats not designed to be straddled.
Violence [new]	**"*violence*"** means (a) any use, or attempt to use, physical force by a person towards another person that causes, or intends to cause, physical injury to the other person, or (b) any threatening statement or behaviour by a person towards another person that gives the other person reasonable cause to believe that the other person is at risk of physical injury.

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Watercourse [updated]	**Previous definition:** **"*watercourse*"** means a natural stream or source of water, whether usually containing water or not, and includes any lake, river, creek, spring, ravine, swamp, and gulch. **Updated definition:** **"*watercourse*"** means a natural stream or source of water, whether usually containing water or not, and includes any lake, river, creek, spring, ravine, wetland, and gulch.
Wetland [updated]	**Previous definition:** **"*wetland*"** means an area of 0.25 hectares or greater, unless a smaller area is identified as regionally significant wildlife habitat, that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in wet or saturated soil conditions. **Updated definition:** **"*wetland*"** means land that is saturated with water, permanently or intermittently, long enough for the excess water and resulting low oxygen levels to produce conditions characterized by water-altered soils, dominance of water-loving plants and various kinds of biological activity that are adapted to a wet environment, which land includes bogs, fens, marshes, swamps, shallow waters and other similar areas.
Wetland complex [new]	**"*wetland complex*"** means an area of combined wetlands that (a) contains (i) two or more wetlands, each greater than 5 ha in size, that are all located within 100 m of each other, (ii) one wetland, greater than 5 ha in size, and one or more wetlands, each less than 5 ha in size, that are all located within 80 m of each other, or (iii) two or more wetlands, each less than 5 ha in size, that are all located within 60 m of each other, and (b) is 5 ha or larger, excluding upland areas.

Code Revisions

Bullying and Harassment

Previous Code Section and Language	Updated or New Code Section and Language	In-force Date
Health and Safety Program **1.6.9** (1) The manager shall develop a Mine Health and Safety Program which includes the following sections (a) a written policy statement, (b) general safety rules, (c) safe working procedures on a departmental basis, (c.1) if emerging technology is used at the mine, safe working procedures for the emerging technology, (d) a list of hazardous materials, safe handling procedures and antidotes, (e) provision for the regular monthly crew safety meetings, (f) procedures for accident and serious incident investigation, (g) procedures for safety tour inspections, and (h) a written preventative training program, acceptable to the chief inspector, to educate OHSC members in the recognition, evaluation and prevention of adverse health effects resulting in Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD) and in reporting related symptoms and injuries. (2) The OHSC shall review the Mine Health and Safety Program, including OHSC Training, for completeness and	**Health and Safety Program** **1.6.9** (1) The manager must ensure that a Mine Health and Safety Program is developed and implemented that includes the following sections (a) a written policy statement, (b) general safety rules, (c) safe working procedures on a departmental basis, (c.1) if emerging technology is used at the mine, safe working procedures for the emerging technology, (d) a list of hazardous materials, safe handling procedures and antidotes, (e) provision for the regular monthly crew safety meetings, (f) procedures for accident and serious incident investigation, (g) procedures for safety tour inspections, (h) a written preventative training program, acceptable to the chief inspector, to educate OHSC members in the recognition, evaluation and prevention of adverse health effects resulting in Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD) and in reporting related symptoms and injuries, and (i) a program to address bullying and harassment, sexual harassment and violence, which program includes (i) establishing procedures for reporting and investigating complaints,	June 22, 2026

effectiveness on an ongoing basis and submit its findings to the manager.	(ii) training supervisors and workers about the program, (iii) a process to ensure that, after the training referred to in subparagraph (ii), supervisors and workers are kept aware of the program, (iv) educating visitors about the program on entering the mine, and (v) ensuring contractors are trained about the program on or before entering the mine. (2) The manager must ensure that the OHSC (a) reviews the Mine Health and Safety Program, including OHSC Training, for completeness and effectiveness on an ongoing basis, and (b) submits its findings to the manager.	
Improper Conduct **3.1.3** No person shall engage in any improper or foolhardy behaviour such as horseplay, scuffling, fighting, playing practical jokes, or other conduct that might create or constitute a hazard to the person or any other person.	**Improper Conduct** **3.1.3** A person must not engage in any improper or foolhardy behaviour such as bullying and harassment, sexual harassment, violence, horseplay, scuffling, fighting, playing practical jokes, or other conduct that might create or constitute a hazard to the person or any other person.	June 22, 2026

Roles and Responsibilities

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Application of Code **Application** **1.1.1** This code applies to (a) all mines in the Province of British Columbia; and (b) the manager shall ensure that all employees who supervise workers are familiar with all appropriate parts of the act, regulations, and the code.	**Application of Code** **Application** **1.1.1** This code applies to (a) all mines in the Province of British Columbia; and (b) the manager must ensure that all employees or contractors who supervise workers are familiar with all appropriate parts of the act, regulations, and the code.	June 22, 2026
Posting and Distribution of *Mines Act*, Regulations, and Code **Manager's Responsibility** **1.4.1** The manager shall ensure that (1) every employee is given a copy of the *Mines Act*, the regulations, and the code, and provided additional copies at cost, and (2) a copy of the *Mines Act*, the regulations, and the code is maintained in every safety office and at other suitable locations and available to employee.	**Posting and Distribution of *Mines Act*, Regulations, and Code** **Manager's Responsibility** **1.4.1** The manager must ensure that (1) every employee is given a copy of the *Mines Act*, the regulations, and the code, and provided additional copies at cost, and (2) a copy of the *Mines Act*, the regulations, and the code is maintained in every safety office and at other suitable locations and available to employees.	June 22, 2026
Personal Protective Equipment **Manager's Responsibility** **1.8.1** The manager shall (1) except for protective footwear and prescription eyeglasses, supply properly fitted personal protective equipment as required by the code, (2) ensure that workers are instructed in the use and maintenance of the equipment, the reasons for it, and also on its location and limitations, and	**Personal Protective Equipment** **Manager's Responsibility** **1.8.1** The manager must ensure that (a) except for protective footwear and prescription eyeglasses, personal protective equipment and safety devices are supplied to persons as appropriate to the task or occasion,	June 22, 2026

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(3) ensure that the equipment is adequate for its purpose.	(b) persons are trained in the use of the equipment and devices, and (c) the equipment and devices are adequate for their purpose.	
Workers' Responsibility **1.8.2** All persons shall wear the personal protective equipment as required by the code.	**Responsibility of All Persons** **1.8.2** A person must (a) use, as instructed by a qualified person, the personal protective equipment and safety devices supplied to the person as set out in section 1.8.1, and (b) ensure the equipment and devices are in good working order.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Roles and Responsibilities** **Manager's Responsibilities** **3.0.1** The manager is responsible for ensuring that all activities on the mine site are conducted in a manner that assures the health and safety of persons at the mine.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Supervisor's Responsibilities** **3.0.2** (1) A supervisor must ensure that the work the supervisor performs, or over which the supervisor has supervision, is carried out in a manner that assures the health and safety of persons at the mine. (2) Without limiting subsection (1) a supervisor	June 22, 2026

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	(a) must follow safe work procedures and act safely in the workplace at all times, (b) must ensure the health and safety of the workers under the supervisor's direct supervision, (c) must, in respect of the requirements that apply to the work over which the supervisor has supervision, (i) know the requirements, (ii) meet the requirements, if performing all or part of the work, and (iii) ensure the requirements are met by the workers performing the work under the supervisor's direct supervision, and (d) must respond appropriately when becoming aware of an unsafe situation.	
N/A	**Worker's Responsibilities** **3.0.3** (1) A worker must ensure that the work the worker performs is carried out in a manner that assures the health and safety of persons at the mine. (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a worker must (a) follow safe work procedures and act safely in the workplace at all times, (b) only carry out the work for which the worker is adequately trained, and	June 22, 2026

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	(c) be alert to hazards and report them immediately to the supervisor or manager.	
N/A	**Contractor's Responsibilities** **3.0.4** (1) A contractor must ensure that the work the contractor performs, or over which the contractor has supervision, as set out in section 25 of the Act, is carried out in a manner that assures the health and safety of persons at the mine. (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a contractor must (a) follow safe work procedures and act safely in the workplace at all times, (b) ensure the health and safety of the workers under the direct supervision of the contractor, if any, and (c) be alert to hazards and report them immediately to the supervisor or manager.	June 22, 2026
Impairment and Conduct **Impaired Persons** **3.1.1** No person shall enter, remain, or be knowingly permitted to enter or remain in any mine if, in the opinion of management, the person's ability is so impaired as to endanger the person's health or safety, or that of another person.	**Impairment and Conduct** **Impaired Persons** **3.1.1** No person may enter, remain, or be knowingly permitted to enter or remain in any mine if, in the opinion of management, the person's ability is so impaired, including by way of fatigue, that the person's health or safety, or that of	June 22, 2026

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	another person, may be endangered.	

Occupational Health Section 2.1.2

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Shifts Longer Than 8 Hours **2.1.2** When shifts longer than 8 hours are being worked, the time-weighted average concentration of airborne contaminants shall be based on the "concentration equivalent" (Ceq) which is derived from the following formula: $$Ceq = \frac{(8\text{-hour TWA}) \times 8}{\text{shift length in hours}}$$	**Shifts Longer Than 8 Hours** **2.1.2** If a shift at a mine is longer than 8 hours and involves exposure to an airborne substance that is listed in Table 2-4, other than a substance indicated in the table to be category I-A, I-B or I-C, the manager must ensure that the time-weighted average concentration of the airborne substance is adjusted using the applicable adjustment factor determined as follows: (a) for substances indicated to be category II in Table 2-4, a daily adjustment factor as determined using the formula $F_a = 8/H_d$ F_a = adjustment factor H_d = exposure duration in hours per shift (b) for substances indicated to be category III in Table 2-4, a weekly adjustment factor as determined using the formula $F_a = 40/H_{wk}$ F_a = adjustment factor H_{wk} = average duration of work shifts per week based on a repetitive work cycle (c) for substances indicated to be category IV in Table 2-4, the lowest of the following two adjustment factors: (i) a daily adjustment factor as determined using the formula set out in paragraph (a); (ii) a weekly adjustment factor as determined using the formula set out in paragraph (b);	June 22, 2026

	(d) for substances not listed in Table 2-4, the lowest of the following two adjustment factors: (i) a daily adjustment factor as determined using the formula $F_a = \frac{8}{H_d} \times \frac{24 - H_d}{16}$ F_a = adjustment factor H_d = exposure duration in hours per shift (ii) a weekly adjustment factor as determined using the formula $F_a = \frac{40}{H_{wk}} \times \frac{168 - H_{wk}}{128}$ F_a = adjustment factor H_{wk} = average duration of work shifts per week based on a repetitive work cycle	
N/A	**Table 2-4 – see PDF version of the Code**	June 22, 2026

Off-road Vehicles

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Headers	The heading, "Flammable Materials", immediately above section 4.8.1 is repealed and the following substituted **Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs)** .	June 22, 2026
Renumbering for previous Code sections 4.8.1, 4.8.2, and 4.8.3	Sections 4.8.1, 4.8.2 and 4.8.3 are renumbered sections 4.3.10, 4.3.11 and 4.3.12, respectively.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Prohibitions** **4.8.4** The manager must ensure that all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and all-terrain cycles (ATCs) are not used on the mine site.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Manager's Responsibilities** **4.8.5** (1) The manager must ensure that the operator of an off-road vehicle (ORV) is (a) under the supervision of a qualified person, and (b) trained for the work being performed using the off-road vehicle (ORV). (2) The manager must ensure that procedures for the safe operation of off-road vehicles (ORVs) used for mining activities are developed, implemented and followed.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Supervisor's Responsibilities** **4.8.6** (1) The supervisor must ensure (a) that, prior to an operator operating an off-road vehicle (ORV), the operator has completed training on the	June 22, 2026

	(i) the specific type of off-road vehicle (ORV) that the operator will be using, and (ii) the terrain on which the operator will be using the off-road vehicle (ORV), and (b) that an operator of an off-road vehicle (ORV) is competent and authorized to do so. (2) The supervisor must ensure that each off-road vehicle (ORV) is maintained in accordance with the operator's manual supplied by the manufacturer.	
N/A	**Worker's Responsibilities** **4.8.7** (1) A worker must not operate an off-road vehicle (ORV) unless the worker (a) has completed the training required under sections 4.8.5 (1) (b) and 4.8.6 (1) (a), and (b) is authorized by a qualified person. (2) When operating an off-road vehicle (ORV), the worker must (a) maintain full control of the off-road vehicle (ORV), and (b) operate the off-road vehicle (ORV) (i) in a safe manner at all times, (ii) only within its intended work purpose, and (iii) in accordance with the training referred to in subsection (1) (a).	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Transporting** **4.8.8** (1) The manager must ensure that transporting an off-road vehicle (ORV) is done in a safe manner, including ensuring that the off-road vehicle (ORV) is (a) secured to a trailer while in transit, and (b) not transported in or on the back of a truck.	June 22, 2026

	(2) The manager must ensure that loading or unloading an off-road vehicle (ORV) on or off a trailer is done in a safe manner, including ensuring that (a) a loading ramp is secured to the trailer, (b) the load rating of the loading ramp is not exceeded, and (c) the loading ramp is wide enough, is at a suitable angle and has an appropriate grip surface for the off-road vehicle (ORV) tires or tracks to properly grip and not slip.	
N/A	**Use of Off-road Vehicle** **4.8.9** (1) Despite section 6.19.2, the manager must ensure that (a) a logbook system is provided for each off-road vehicle (ORV), and (b) before an off-road vehicle (ORV) is used, it is inspected by the operator who, in the logbook, (i) notes the condition, (ii) notes any unsafe conditions, and (iii) in the case of a qualified person making repairs, notes any repairs made and if the off-road vehicle (ORV) is safe to operate. (2) The manager must ensure that before an off-road vehicle (ORV) is used, it is outfitted with (a) a whip antenna that is fitted with a flag and lamp high enough to be visible to the drivers of all vehicles, or (b) a flashing light mounted above the cab of the off-road vehicle (ORV). (3) The manager must ensure that any modification to an off-road vehicle (ORV) that could impact its structural integrity or stability is certified by a professional engineer before it is used.	June 22, 2026

	(4) The manager must ensure that the use of an off-road vehicle (ORV) with an operator cab is only permitted if the windows and doors of the operator cab are kept installed and in good condition. (5) The manager must ensure that, when an off-road vehicle (ORV) is being used, the operator and passengers, if any, wear (a) appropriate personal protective equipment, as determined by a risk assessment, (b) an off-road vehicle (ORV) helmet that meets the requirements set out in section 22 of the Off-Road Vehicle Regulation, B.C. Reg. 193/2015, other than while underground in an underground mine, (c) a seatbelt, except in the case of a snowmobile, and (d) any personal protective equipment recommended in the owner's manual that does not conflict with the requirements of paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection. (6) The manager must ensure that the operator's manual of an off-road vehicle (ORV) is kept with the off-road vehicle (ORV) and maintained in a readable condition.	
Rollover Protective Structures **4.9.11** (3) Side-by-side utility task vehicles (UTVs) or side-by-side all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) shall have a ROPS that conform to OSHA29 BFR1928.53 certified ROPS or Canadian Standards Association, Standard B352.095 or another standard as accepted by the chief inspector.	**Rollover Protective Structures** **4.9.11** (3) Side-by-side utility task vehicles (UTVs) must have a ROPS that conform to OSHA29 BFR1928.53 certified ROPS or Canadian Standards Association, Standard B352.095 or another standard as accepted by the chief inspector.	June 22, 2026

Part 5 Electrical Systems

Previous Code Section and Language	Updated or New Code Section and Language	In-force Date
Application of Electrical Rules **Codes and Standards** **5.1.1** Unless modified by this code, all electrical equipment shall be installed, maintained and operated in accordance with CSA Standard M421 Use of Electricity in Mines, in conjunction with the Canadian Electrical Code, as amended from time to time.	**Electrical - General** **Codes and Standards** **5.1.1** The manager must ensure that, unless modified by this code, all electrical equipment is installed, maintained and operated in accordance with CSA Standard M421 Use of Electricity in Mines, in conjunction with the Canadian Electrical Code, as amended from time to time.	Already in force, minor wording changes only
Electrical Work **5.1.2** Installation, alteration and maintenance work performed under section 5.1.1 shall only be performed by, or under the supervision of, a certified person.	**Electrical Work** **5.1.2** (1) The manager must ensure that design, installation, alteration and maintenance work performed under section 5.1.1 is only performed by, or under the supervision of, a certified person. (2) The chief inspector may, for the purposes of subsection (1), require the certified person to be a professional engineer.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Electrical Safety Plan** **5.1.3** (1) The manager must ensure that an electrical safety plan for the mine is developed, implemented and updated whenever relevant conditions or regulations change. (2) The electrical safety plan must include training for workers who may be exposed to an electrical hazard while doing any of the following: (a) performing maintenance on specialized equipment in the workplace including	June 22, 2026

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	(i) electrolytic cells, (ii) batteries, battery rooms or battery enclosures, (iii) lasers, (iv) power electronics equipment, or (v) mobile electrical equipment; (b) operating induced polarization geophysical systems as referred to in section 9.3.5 of this code. (3) The manager must ensure that the electrical safety plan is kept at the mine and made available to an inspector on request.	
N/A	**Worker's Awareness** **5.1.4** The manager must ensure that any person working near high voltage electrical equipment or conductors, whether exposed or potentially exposed during their work, is properly trained and familiar with (a) the existence, location and voltage of the electrical equipment or conductors, and (b) the work arrangements and procedures to be followed in accordance with the electrical safety plan referred to in section 5.1.3.	June 22, 2026

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Notices and Information **All Mines** **5.2.1** (1) The manager shall develop a plan, approved by a registered electrical engineer, for the use of electrical energy at any mine, and the plan shall be forwarded to the chief inspector prior to the introduction of electricity at the mine. A plan shall also be required for any increases in capacity of an existing installation by more than 500 kva. (2) The plan referred to in subsection (1) shall show the areas at the mine where the electrical energy is to be transmitted and used, including schematic drawings.	**Notices and Information** **5.1.5** (1) For any permanent electrical installation at a new mine, the manager must ensure that (a) an electrical plan, approved by an electrical engineer registered within British Columbia, is developed for the use of electrical energy at the mine, and (b) the electrical plan is forwarded to the chief inspector prior to the introduction of electricity at the mine. (2) For any existing mine, the manager must ensure that (a) a notification is sent to the chief inspector prior to the construction, expansion, alteration or replacement of fixed substations at the mine, and (b) electrical plans respecting the actions referred to in paragraph (a) are kept at the mine and made available to an inspector on request. **5.2.1** Repealed.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Warning Notices** **5.1.6** The manager must ensure that all vaults, rooms, enclosures or areas containing electrical equipment have a permanent, legible warning notice affixed in a conspicuous position at all points of entry or access which identifies the danger and indicates the highest voltage in use.	June 22, 2026

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Supply Systems for Mobile Electrical Equipment **System Testing** **5.7.1** Supply systems for mobile electrical equipment shall be tested before being put into service, and at least once a year thereafter, in order to prove the effectiveness of the ground fault tripping and the ground conductor monitoring circuits. **Record of Testing** **5.7.2** A record of the tests required under part 5.7.1 shall be kept at the mine and shall be available for examination.	**System Testing** **5.1.7** (1) The manager must ensure that supply systems for mobile electrical equipment are tested before being put into service, and at least once a year thereafter, to prove the effectiveness of the ground fault tripping and the ground conductor monitoring circuits. (2) The manager must ensure that a record of the tests required under subsection (1) are kept at the mine and made available to an inspector on request. **5.7.1** Repealed. **5.7.2** Repealed.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Electrical Test Equipment** **5.1.8** The manager must ensure that electrical test equipment is (a) inspected before each use, and (b) maintained for safe operation and calibrated to ensure accuracy.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Electrically Insulated Elevating Work Platform** **5.1.9** (1) The manager must ensure that any insulated elevating work platform that workers use to perform electrical related tasks is dielectrically tested in accordance with section 5.3.4 of Standard CAN/CSA-C225:20 “Vehicle-Mounted Aerial Devices” at least once every 12 months.	June 22, 2026

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	(2) The manager must ensure that the insulating capability of the electrically insulated elevating work platform is certified by a CSA recognized testing agency. (3) If the electrically insulated elevating work platform fails dielectric testing as set out in subsection (1), or if it is to be used only as a non-electrically insulated elevating work platform, the failure or use must be clearly identified on the platform, and on all of its related labeling, and in its records and logbook.	
Submersible Pumps **Ground Fault Protection** **5.6.1** A submersible pump that is supplied by a portable trailing cable shall be provided with ground fault protection to limit ground fault current to a maximum of 25 amps and automatically isolate the supply in the event of a ground fault.	**Submersible Pumps** **5.1.10** The manager must ensure that a submersible pump that is supplied by a portable trailing cable is provided with ground fault protection to (a) limit ground fault current to a maximum of 25 amps, and (b) automatically isolate the supply in the event of a ground fault. **5.6.1** Repealed.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Low Voltage Disconnection and Lockout** **5.1.11** (1) The manager must ensure that low voltage electrical equipment is completely disconnected and locked out before starting work on it.	June 22, 2026

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	(2) Despite subsection (1), if adjustments, tests, calibrations, repairs or alterations with respect to electrical conductors or circuit parts cannot be performed in a de-energized state because of equipment design or operational limitations, or de-energizing will introduce new hazards or increase existing hazards, (a) energized work may be performed, and (b) all necessary precautions consistent with the nature and extent of the hazards must be taken to ensure that the work can be performed safely.	
N/A	**Electrical Rooms** **5.1.12** (1) The manager must ensure that electrical rooms are located and constructed to have the best practical protection against fire propagation, water and dust ingression and corrosive atmospheres. (2) The manager must ensure that access to electrical rooms is restricted to authorized personnel only. (3) The manager must ensure that electrical rooms are sufficiently ventilated to maintain the electrical equipment inside at safe temperatures. (4) The manager must ensure that clear access to electrical equipment is maintained at all times. (5) The manager must ensure that electrical rooms (a) are not used for general storage,	June 22, 2026

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	(b) store only equipment and materials directly related to the electrical system, (c) do not store flammable materials, including combustible liquids and gases, and (d) are not used as a workstation for work not related to the electrical equipment in the room. (6) The manager must ensure that items stored in an electrical room do not obstruct egress routes or interfere with ventilation systems, fire protection systems or any other safety-critical infrastructure within the electrical room. (7) The manager must ensure that items such as spare fuses, arc flash personal protective equipment, high voltage tools and draw-out-type breakers are stored in appropriate storage areas. (8) The manager must ensure that each electrical room has a single-line diagram posted showing, for that electrical room, (a) the relative location of all fixed electrical distribution equipment, (b) the ratings of all fixed electrical distribution equipment, and (c) the routes, properly noted and referenced, of all fixed power distribution feeders. (9) The manager must ensure that the single-line diagrams referred to in subsection (8) are	

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	reviewed and updated at least annually and after any significant changes to the electrical system.	
Isolating Switchgear **Isolating Underground Workings** **5.4.1** Switchgear shall be installed at a convenient location on surface to provide the means for isolating all underground circuits. The operation of this switchgear shall be conducted by a qualified person. (1) Switchgear installed underground shall be built of non-combustible materials and fixed in a vertical position on a metal frame or plate. (2) Switchboards located underground shall be recessed from haulways and have a floor on which water cannot accumulate.	**Isolating Surface Workings** **5.1.13** The manager must ensure that the operation of high voltage switchgear is conducted by a qualified person. **Underground Mines** **Isolating Underground Workings** **5.2.01** (1) The manager must ensure that switchgear is (a) installed at a convenient location on surface to provide the means for isolating all underground circuits, and (b) operated by a qualified person. (2) The manager must ensure that switchgear installed underground is (a) built of non-combustible materials, and (b) fixed in a vertical position on a metal frame or plate. (3) The manager must ensure that switchboards located underground are (a) recessed from hallways, and (b) have a floor on which water cannot accumulate.	June 22, 2026
Trailing Cable Use and Repair **Protective Equipment**	**Cables** **Handling Trailing Cables** **5.3.4** In accordance with sections 1.8.1 and 1.8.2,	June 22, 2026

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5.5.1 Whenever a person is handling an energized trailing cable, the person shall use suitable protective equipment.	(a) the manager must ensure that appropriate protective equipment is provided to a person handling energized trailing cables at the mine, and (b) the person must use the equipment, as instructed by a qualified person, and ensure it is in good working order. **5.5.1** Repealed.	
Defective Cable **5.5.2** Damaged cables shall be inspected by a qualified person before they are returned to service, to ensure that they are in safe operating condition and defective cables shall be removed from service.	**Defective Trailing Cables and Associated Connection Accessories** **5.3.5** The manager must ensure that defective trailing cables and associated connection accessories are (a) inspected by a certified person to confirm they are in safe operating condition before they are returned to service, or (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, identified and removed from service. **5.5.2** Repealed.	June 22, 2026
Cable Repair **5.5.3** All permanent repairs to damaged trailing cables shall be made by a qualified person who shall examine and test the trailing cables before they are allowed to go back into service.	**Damaged Trailing Cables and Associated Connection Accessories** **5.3.6** (1) The manager must ensure that damaged trailing cables and associated connection accessories are, before being returned to service,	June 22, 2026

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	(a) repaired by a certified person or by a qualified person under the supervision of a certified person, and (b) tested by a certified person. (2) The manager must ensure that a record of the tests required under subsection (1) (b) are kept at the mine and made available to an inspector on request. **5.5.3** Repealed.	
N/A	**Armored Cables** **5.3.7** The manager must ensure that at the mine site, (a) armored cables are not used in place of portable power cables or flexible cords, and (b) armored cable connections or terminations are not made using any type of quick connect couplers.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Single-conductor Cable Connections** **5.3.8** (1) The manager must ensure that single-conductor quick connect couplers are not used on three-phase electrical systems at the mine site. (2) Despite subsection (1), a single-conductor quick connect coupler may be used on a three-phase electrical system at the mine site if the coupler is protected from being disconnected	June 22, 2026

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	while energized through one of the following means: (a) the coupler is mechanically or electrically interlocked with the upstream disconnect switch in a way that ensures the coupler can only be engaged or disengaged while de-energized; (b) through the use of a trapped key lock method, or a substantially similar method, the coupler is rendered inaccessible to persons while it is energized.	
N/A	**Switching Sequences** **Switching Plan** **5.4.01** (1) The manager must ensure that a written switching plan is developed, reviewed and implemented prior to the coordinated operation of high voltage electrical switchgear. (2) The written switching plan must include an up-to-date and detailed electrical single-line diagram, the sequence of operations and the devices to be operated and their corresponding steps.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Control Systems** **General Requirements for Control Systems** **5.5.01** The manager must ensure that	June 22, 2026

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	(a) the risk to workers by electrical equipment with control systems is minimized, (b) the controlled equipment cannot be inadvertently activated, (c) emergency stop devices are hardwired, and (d) after a power interruption or low voltage occurrence, automatic startup is prevented if automatic startup in such circumstances is likely to create a hazard for workers.	
Underground Coal Mines and Hazardous Locations **5.2.2** Electrical energy used in an underground coal mine or in a hazardous location shall conform to the requirements of the *Canadian Electrical Code*.	**5.2.2** Repealed. **Underground Coal Mines and Hazardous Locations** **5.6.2** Electrical energy used in an underground coal mine or in a hazardous location must conform to the requirements in the Canadian Electrical Code.	June 22, 2026
Underground Coal Equipment Certification **5.2.3** (1) The manager of a coal mine, when installing electrical equipment underground, shall (a) if the equipment is new, ensure that it has been certified as suitable for use in an underground coal mine by an accredited laboratory and complies with the relevant standards as produced by one of the following organizations and as accepted by the chief inspector:	**Underground Coal Equipment Certification** **5.6.3** (1) The manager of a coal mine, when installing electrical equipment underground, shall (a) if the equipment is new, ensure that it has been certified as suitable for use in an underground coal mine by an accredited laboratory and complies with the relevant standards as produced by one of the following organizations and as accepted by the chief inspector: (i) Canadian Standards	Already in force, numbering change only

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(i) Canadian Standards Association (CSA); (ii) Natural Resources Canada (NRCan); (iii) United States Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA); (iv) International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC); (v) International Organization for Standardization (ISO); (vi) European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC). (b) If the equipment is not new and has been obtained from a source outside of the manager's control, ensure that it has been certified by an accredited laboratory and has been assessed and complies with one of the standards listed in paragraph (a) in its current configuration.	Association (CSA); (ii) Natural Resources Canada (NRCan); (iii) United States Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA); (iv) International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC); (v) International Organization for Standardization (ISO); (vi) European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC). (b) If the equipment is not new and has been obtained from a source outside of the manager's control, ensure that it has been certified by an accredited laboratory and has been assessed and complies with one of the standards listed in paragraph (a) in its current configuration.	
Hazardous Locations **5.2.4** The manager shall ensure that all electrical equipment used in a hazardous location, as defined in the Canadian Electrical Code, is approved for use in such a location and for the specific gas, vapour, or dust that is or may be present.	**Hazardous Locations** **5.6.4** The manager shall ensure that all electrical equipment used in a hazardous location, as defined in the Canadian Electrical Code, is approved for use in such a location and for the specific gas, vapour, or dust that is or may be present.	Already in force, numbering change only

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Manager's Responsibility **5.3.1** The manager of a coal mine shall (1) develop an inspection and maintenance schedule for all electrical equipment in use underground or in any hazardous location, as defined by the Canadian Electrical Code, and (2) designate qualified persons to make the inspections and carry out the maintenance as described in the approved schedule.	**Manager's Responsibility** **5.6.5** The manager of a coal mine shall (1) develop an inspection and maintenance schedule for all electrical equipment in use underground or in any hazardous location, as defined by the Canadian Electrical Code, and (2) designate qualified persons to make the inspections and carry out the maintenance as described in the approved schedule.	Already in force, numbering change only
Repair of Power System **5.3.2** At any place in an underground coal mine, or in any hazardous location where flammable gas could accumulate, the repair, adjustment, or replacement of electrical equipment shall only be carried out (1) after the equipment has been disconnected from the power supply and is electrically dead, and (2) in a location where the electrician doing the work is satisfied that no dangerous concentration of flammable gas is present.	**Repair of Power System** **5.6.6** At any place in an underground coal mine, or in any hazardous location where flammable gas could accumulate, the repair, adjustment, or replacement of electrical equipment shall only be carried out (1) after the equipment has been disconnected from the power supply and is electrically dead, and (2) in a location where the electrician doing the work is satisfied that no dangerous concentration of flammable gas is present.	Already in force, numbering change only
Flammable Gas Warning **5.3.3** In any location where flammable gas could accumulate in dangerous amounts, the manager shall ensure that an approved automatic gas detector is available to continually monitor the air at that location. The monitor shall be of a type that will give an audible or visual warning whenever a predetermined percentage of flammable gas is present.	**Flammable Gas Warning** **5.6.7** In any location where flammable gas could accumulate in dangerous amounts, the manager shall ensure that an approved automatic gas detector is available to continually monitor the air at that location. The monitor shall be of a type that will give an audible or visual warning whenever a predetermined percentage of flammable gas is present.	Already in force, numbering change only

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Industrial First Aid **First Aid Supplies** **3.6.1** The manager shall provide and maintain first aid supplies and services as required by the Workers Compensation Board.	**First Aid** **First Aid Supplies and Services** **3.6.1** The manager must ensure that first aid supplies and services, as required by the Workers' Compensation Board, are provided and maintained at the mine site.	June 22, 2026
Means of Communication **3.6.3** The manager shall provide a means of communication acceptable to an inspector by which the services of a physician can be obtained expeditiously.	**Means of Communication** **3.6.3** The manager must ensure that a means of communication, that is acceptable to an inspector, and by which the services of a physician can be obtained expeditiously, is provided at the mine site.	June 22, 2026
Health & Safety **First Aid** **9.3.1** In addition to complying with the emergency preparedness provisions of Part 3 of the Code (1) active exploration sites of mechanical disturbance shall be equipped with a minimum Level-2 first aid kit, a stretcher and an epinephrine auto injector, and have provision made for continuous and consistent emergency communication, and (2) at exploration drill sites, at least 2 members of the drill crew shall have a valid St. John standard first aid certificate and transportation endorsement or an equivalent standard acceptable to the chief inspector.	**Exploration First Aid** **3.6.4** The manager for exploration activities must ensure that, (a) at a mine site with mechanical disturbance, there are (i) a stretcher, a naloxone kit, an automated external defibrillator and an epinephrine auto injector, and (ii) provision for continuous and consistent emergency communication, (b) at each drill at an exploration drill site, and during each shift, at least 2 members of the drill crew who have (i) a valid intermediate first aid certificate and transportation endorsement, or (ii) an equivalent standard acceptable to the chief inspector, and	June 22, 2026

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	(c) at each drill or drilling area at a helicopter supported drilling exploration site, there is an emergency shelter, appropriate for the site environment, that has necessary provisions for at least 2 days. **9.3.1** Repealed.	
Mine Rescue **Mine Emergency Response Plan** **3.7.1**(1) The manager shall develop, and file with the chief inspector, a Mine Emergency Response Plan (MERP), which shall be kept up to date and followed in the event of an emergency. (2) The Mine Emergency Response Plan must (a) outline the response procedures that are essential for effective and timely management of an emergency situation, (b) contain all of the elements required in the "*Mine Emergency Response Plan Guidelines for the Mining Industry*", as amended from time to time, (c) include the emergency preparedness and response plans as required under section 10.4.2 (1) (e) of this code regarding tailings storage facilities, and (d) include affected communities and First Nations in the identification of potential hazards, emergency communications and responses. (3) The manager shall ensure that annual testing of the effectiveness of the Mine Emergency Response Plan is	**Mine Rescue** **Mine Emergency Response Plan** **3.7.1** (1) The manager must ensure that a Mine Emergency Response Plan (MERP) is developed, filed with the chief inspector, followed in the case of emergency, kept up to date and kept at the mine. (2) The Mine Emergency Response Plan must (a) outline the response procedures that are essential for effective and timely management of an emergency situation, (b) contain all of the elements required in the "*Mine Emergency Response Plan Guidelines for the Mining Industry*", as amended from time to time, (c) include the emergency preparedness and response plans as required under section 10.6.10 of this code regarding tailings storage facilities, and (d) include affected communities and First Nations in the identification of potential hazards, emergency communications and responses. (3) The manager must ensure that annual testing of the effectiveness of the Mine Emergency Response Plan is conducted and that First Nations are included in the annual testing of the plan for hazards identified.	June 22, 2026

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conducted and that First Nations are included in the annual testing of the plan for hazards identified. (4) A record of the annual testing referred to in subsection (3) must be included in the annual report submitted to the chief inspector.	(4) A record of the annual testing referred to in subsection (3) must be included in the annual report submitted to the chief inspector.	
Manager's Requirement **4.17.3** The manager shall ensure that no person enters any excavation over 1.2 m in depth unless (1) the sides of the excavation are sloped to a safe angle not exceeding 3 horizontal to 4 vertical, or (2) the sides have been supported in accordance with the minimum requirements specified in Tables 17.1 and 17.2 of this part, or (3) the sides have been sloped or supported in accordance with the written instructions of a professional engineer.	**Manager's Requirement** **4.17.3** The manager must ensure that no person enters an excavation over 1.2 m in depth, unless (a) immediately before the person is allowed to enter the excavation, (i) a qualified person inspects the excavation, and (ii) any hazards identified by the qualified person under subparagraph (i) are made safe, and (b) at least one of the following has been done in the excavation: (i) the sides have been sloped to a safe angle not exceeding 3 horizontal to 4 vertical; (ii) the sides have been supported in accordance with the minimum requirements specified in Tables 4-2 and 4-3; (iii) the sides have been sloped or supported in accordance with the written instructions of a professional engineer.	June 22, 2026
Combination of Sloping and Shoring **4.17.4** When a combination of sloping and shoring is used, the protection provided to persons shall be equivalent to that meeting the minimum code requirements for the overall depth of the excavation.	**Sloping or Combination of Sloping and Shoring** **4.17.4** The manager must ensure that when using sloping, or a combination of sloping and shoring, the protection provided to a person is, at the least, equivalent to that of meeting the	June 22, 2026

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	minimum code requirements for the overall depth of the excavation.	
Notice Requirements **9.2.1** (1) Prior to undertaking proposed exploration activities and pursuant to section 10 of the *Mines Act*, a Notice of Work as prescribed by the chief permitting officer shall be submitted to an inspector and shall include (a) information required pursuant to the *Mines Act* and Code and any additional information as may be prescribed by an inspector, (b) maps and schedules of the proposed exploration activity, applicable land use designation, up-to-date resource inventory and tenure information which is available from Provincial agencies 30 days prior to the time of application, and (c) details of actions designed to minimize any adverse impacts of the proposed activity. (2) A copy of all permits and authorizations issued with respect to the exploration activities shall be maintained at the exploration site while exploration activities are taking place. (3) An annual summary of exploration activities, as prescribed by the chief permitting officer, shall be submitted by March 31.	**9.2.1** Repealed. **Proposed Exploration Activities** **10.1.3.1** (1) Prior to undertaking exploration activities and pursuant to section 10 of the *Mines Act*, the owner, agent, manager or any other person must submit to an inspector a Notice of Work, unless otherwise directed by the chief permitting officer, which must include (a) information required pursuant to the *Mines Act* and this code and any other information as directed by an inspector, (b) maps and schedules of the proposed exploration activities, (c) tenure information relevant to the exploration activities, and (d) details of actions designed to minimize any adverse impacts of the proposed activities. (2) A copy of all permits and authorizations issued with respect to the exploration activities must be maintained at the mine while exploration activities are taking place. (3) An annual summary of exploration activities, as directed by the chief permitting officer, must be submitted by March 31 of the following year.	June 22, 2026
Training **9.3.2** All persons employed at an exploration site shall be trained in accordance with Section 1.11, including where applicable	N/A – language repealed	June 22, 2026

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(a) safety with respect to wildlife, (b) wearing of appropriate clothing, (c) use of personal protective equipment, (d) need for and use of suitable equipment to avoid becoming lost, (e) safety procedures to be adopted for boat handling operations, and (f) safe practices when working in or around aircraft, including effective communication.		
Pits, Trenches & Excavations **9.3.3** (1) No person shall be permitted to enter any excavation over 1.2 metres in depth unless (a) the sides of the excavation are sloped to a safe angle down to 1.2 metres from the bottom of the trench, or (b) the sides have been supported according to the requirements of Part 4 of this Code. (2) When it is required for persons to enter an excavation the minimum width of an excavation shall be such that a person is able to turn around without coming into contact with the sides. (3) Excavated material shall be kept back a minimum distance of 1 metre from the edge of any trench, excavation, and 1.5 metres from any other excavation. (4) A qualified person shall inspect an excavation immediately before any person is allowed to enter, and any hazard shall be made safe before persons are allowed to conduct other work in the excavation. (5) Sloping of the sides of excavations may be undertaken instead of shoring only where the protection afforded to personnel is equivalent to that provided by shoring.	N/A – language repealed	June 22, 2026

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(6) Where excavation walls are sloped as a substitute for shoring, the walls shall be sloped at angles, dependent upon soil or rock conditions, which will provide stable faces. In no case shall such a slope be steeper than a ratio of three horizontal to four vertical. When shoring is installed or removed, the work procedure shall ensure that persons are not exposed to undue risk.		
Induced Polarization Geophysical Survey Systems **9.3.5** (1) Where an induced polarization geophysical system is being operated (a) energized wires shall be sufficiently insulated to prevent electric shock, (b) induced polarization electrodes shall have visible warning stickers stating "Danger – High Voltage," (c) signs shall be posted to warn other persons who may enter the area, (d) electronic communication shall be provided to every member of the crew whose movements are out of sight and sound of the other crew members, and (e) all signs shall be removed on completion of the survey and no wires used during the survey shall be left on the site after the survey is completed. (2) Electric blasting activities shall be coordinated with active induced polarization and active electromagnetic survey work.	**Induced Polarization Geophysical Survey Systems** **9.3.5** (1) The manager must ensure that, where an induced polarization geophysical survey system is being operated, (a) energized wires are sufficiently insulated to prevent electric shock, (b) induced polarization electrodes have visible warning stickers stating "Danger – High Voltage", (c) signs are posted to warn other persons who may enter the area, and (d) a continuous and consistent means of communication is provided to every member of the crew whose movements are out of sight and sound of the other crew members. (2) The manager must ensure that all wires and signs used during the survey work described in subsection (1) are removed from the site after the survey work is completed. (3) The manager must ensure that electric blasting activities are coordinated with active induced polarization and active electromagnetic survey work.	June 22, 2026
Use & Storage of Explosives **9.3.6** (1) The use and storage of explosives shall be pursuant to the provisions of Part 8 of this Code.	N/A – language repealed	

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(2) Blasters shall have a valid blasting certificate granted pursuant to Part 8 of this Code.		
Community Watersheds **9.4.1** (1) Exploration activities shall (a) maintain surface and subsurface drainage patterns within the range of natural variability, (b) protect stream channel stability, and (c) not degrade water quality at a potable water supply intake so that it fails to meet the potable water requirements of the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and regulations as amended from time to time.	**Community Watersheds** **9.4.1** The manager must ensure that exploration activities in community watersheds are carried out in a manner that (a) maintains surface and subsurface drainage patterns within the range of natural variability, (b) protects stream channel stability, and (c) does not degrade water quality at a potable water supply intake so that it fails to meet the potable water requirements of the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and regulations as amended from time to time**.**	June 22, 2026
Notification Requirements **9.4.2** An owner, agent or manager responsible for exploration activities in a community watershed shall (a) notify, at least 48 hours prior to the start date of the activities, the water license holder of record or the representative of record, (b) prior to commencing work ensure a contingency plan is in place to restore potable water in the event that exploration activities adversely impact potable water quality and quantity, and (c) immediately cease exploration activities and take remedial action if those activities adversely impact potable water quality and quantity.	**Notification Requirements** **9.4.2** The owner, agent or manager responsible for exploration activities in a community watershed must ensure that, (a) at least 48 hours before the start date of the exploration activities, the water license holder of record or the representative of record is notified, (b) before commencing the exploration activities, a contingency plan is in place to restore potable water in the event those activities adversely impact potable water quality or quantity, and (c) if the exploration activities adversely impact potable water quality or quantity, those activities are immediately ceased and remedial action taken.	June 22, 2026

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Table 9.1

RIPARIAN SETBACK DISTANCES

(Measured horizontally from top of bank)

Riparian Type		Drilling (m)	Exploration Access (m)
Streams	Stream widths (m)		
	>20	50	70
	>5≤20	30	50
	1.5≤5	20	40
	<1.5	5	30
	<0.5 in alpine areas above timberline	5	15
Wetland	Wetland Size (HA)		
	>5	10	30
	>1.0 - <5.0	10	20
	>0.25 - <1.0	10	10
Lake		10	30

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Riparian Setback Distances

(Measured horizontally from the top of bank)

Column 1 Riparian Type		Column 2 Helicopter Supported Drilling (m)	Column 3 Ground Based Drilling, Trenching & Exploration Access (m)
Streams	**Stream Width (m)**		
	>100*	50	100
	>20 - ≤ 100	50	70
	>5 - ≤ 20	30	50
	>1.5 -≤ 5	20	40
	≤ 1.5	5	30
	<0.5 in alpine areas above timberline	5	15
Wetland	**Wetland Size (ha)**		
	>5	10	50
	>1.0 - ≤ 5.0	10	30
	>0.25 - ≤ 1.0	10	30
	≤ 0.25	10	10

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	<table><tr><td></td><td>wetland complexes</td><td>10</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>Lake</td><td></td><td>10</td><td>30</td></tr></table> *if the stream averages, over a 1 km length, either a stream width or an active flood plain width of 100 m or greater.	
9.5.1 (1) The following activities may be carried out within the setback distances noted in Table 9.1 (a) construction, maintenance, deactivation and reclamation of stream crossings; (b) access from water landings for the purpose of servicing exploration camps and equipment; (c) access to set up and service water supply pumps and lines; and (d) access to service drill sites. (2) Exploration activities in addition to those in (1) may occur within the riparian setback distances noted in Table 9.1 when one or more of the following conditions apply (a) no other practicable option exists; (b) risk to health and safety can be reduced; or (c) risk of adverse impact to the environment can be reduced. (3) When there is an intent to operate within the riparian setback distances noted in Table 9.1 pursuant to (2) the owner, agent or manager shall prepare a management plan, acceptable to an inspector, shall be approved and the plan must show how the proposed activities will to the extent practicable (a) maintain the integrity of the stream, lake or wetland;	**Riparian Setbacks** **9.5.1** (0.1) The manager must ensure that the riparian setback distance for each watercourse set out in Table 9-1 is measured horizontally from the natural boundary. (1) The following activities may be carried out within the setback distances noted in Table 9-1 (a) construction, maintenance, deactivation and reclamation of stream crossings; (b) access from water landings for the purpose of servicing exploration camps and equipment; (c) access to set up and service water supply pumps and lines; and (d) access to service drill sites. (2) Exploration activities in addition to those in subsection (1) may occur within the riparian setback distances noted in Table 9-1 when one or more of the following conditions apply (a) no other practicable option exists; (b) risk to health and safety can be reduced; or (c) risk of adverse impact to the environment can be reduced. (3) When there is an intent to operate within the riparian setback distances noted in Table 9-1 pursuant to subsection (2), the owner, agent or manager must ensure that a	June 22, 2026

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(b) prevent the introduction of deleterious substances into a stream, lake or wetland; and (c) minimize the disturbance caused by the activity.	management plan is prepared for, and approved by, an inspector and the plan must show how the proposed activities will to the extent practicable (a) maintain the integrity of the stream, lake or wetland; (b) prevent the introduction of deleterious substances into a stream, lake or wetland; and (c) minimize the disturbance caused by the activity.	
Soil Conservation **9.6.1** Exploration activities shall be carried out in a manner that minimizes soil loss so that the site can be reasonably reclaimed to support appropriate self- sustaining vegetation.	**Soil Conservation** **9.6.1** The manager must ensure that exploration activities are carried out in the following manner: (a) soil loss is minimized so that the site can be reasonably reclaimed to support appropriate self-sustaining vegetation; (b) all available soil and coarse woody debris in the disturbance area are salvaged and stockpiled for use in reclamation; (c) salvaged and stockpiled materials are protected from erosion, degradation and contamination.	June 22, 2026
Terrain **9.7.1** (1) Exploration activities shall be designed and implemented by a qualified person to minimize the risk of those activities causing any of the following events (a) landslide, (b) channelized debris or mud flow, (c) gully bank destabilization, (d) debris fan, (e) snow avalanche, or (f) destabilization of an alluvial fan.	**Terrain** **9.7.1** (1) The manager must ensure that exploration activities are designed and implemented in a way that minimizes the risk of those activities causing any of the following events (a) landslide, (b) channelized debris or mud flow, (c) gully bank destabilization, (d) debris fan, (e) snow avalanche, or (f) destabilization of an alluvial fan.	June 22, 2026

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(2) If an exploration activity causes an event as noted in section 9.7.1 the owner agent or manager shall as soon as practicable (a) take necessary steps to protect human life and safety, (b) stabilize any disturbed areas, (c) promptly report the event to an inspector, and (d) where the event as noted in section 9.7.1 (i) places human life or safety at risk, (ii) damages property or infrastructure, (iii) adversely affects water quality, or damage water supply infrastructure, (iv) results in harmful alteration to fish habitat, or (v) results in harmful alteration of regionally significant wildlife habitat. Ensure the preparation, within 30 days, by a qualified person of a remediation plan acceptable to an inspector and implement the plan within a time frame specified by the inspector.	(2) If an exploration activity causes an event as set out in subsection (1), the owner, agent or manager must ensure that (a) necessary steps are taken immediately to protect human life and safety, and (b) as soon as practicable, (i) any disturbed areas are stabilized, and (ii) the event is reported to an inspector. (3) If an exploration activity causes an event as set out in subsection (1) and that event (a) places human life or safety at risk, (b) damages property or infrastructure, (c) adversely affects water quality or flow or damages water supply infrastructure, (d) results in harmful alteration to fish habitat, or (e) results in harmful alteration of regionally significant wildlife habitat, the owner, agent or manager must ensure that a remediation plan acceptable to an inspector is prepared by a qualified professional within 30 days of the start of the event and the plan is implemented within the time frame specified by the inspector.	
Water Management **9.8.1** (1) Where exploration activities or exploration access may impact the natural surface and subsurface drainage of an area, structurally sound, functional and stable drainage systems shall be constructed that minimize (a) water flowing uncontrolled onto the exploration site, (b) erosion or destabilization of the exploration site,	**Water Management** **9.8.1** The manager must ensure that where exploration activities or exploration access may impact the natural surface and subsurface drainage of an area, structurally sound, functional and stable drainage systems are constructed in a way that minimizes (a) water flowing uncontrolled onto the exploration site, (b) erosion or destabilization of the exploration site,	June 22, 2026

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(c) water being directed onto, or creating, potentially unstable slopes or soil materials, and (d) water flowing onto reclaimed areas unless the reclaimed areas are protected with the use of riprap or other effective means or the water flow is an integral part of the reclamation scheme.	(c) water being directed onto, or creating, potentially unstable slopes or soil materials, and (d) water flowing onto reclaimed areas unless the reclaimed areas are protected with the use of riprap or other effective means or the water flow is an integral part of the reclamation program.	
Fuel & Lubricants **9.9.1** (1) Liquid hydrocarbon products shall be stored within a containment that minimizes the possibility of accidental discharge to the environment. (2) Unless authorized by an inspector, bulk liquid hydrocarbon products shall not be stored within 30 meters of a stream, lake or wetland. (3) Ground-based machinery shall not be fueled or serviced within the riparian setback distances for drilling specified in Table 9.1, other than pumps and machinery that are (a) hand held, (b) required for fire fighting, (c) broken down and requiring fueling or servicing to be moved, or (d) authorized by an inspector to be fueled or serviced in the area. (4) The owner, agent or manager shall remove all hydrocarbon containers, whether empty or full, from every exploration site by the end of each field season, unless otherwise authorized by an inspector.	**Fuels and Lubricants** **9.9.1** (1) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that liquid hydrocarbon products are stored in a manner that minimizes the possibility of accidental discharge to the environment. (2) Unless authorized by an inspector, the owner, agent or manager must ensure that liquid hydrocarbon products are not stored within 30 m of a watercourse. (3) The manager must ensure that ground-based machinery is not fueled or serviced within the riparian setback distances set out under Column 3 of Table 9-1, other than (a) pumps, or (b) machinery that is (i) hand held, (ii) required for fire fighting, (iii) broken down and requiring fueling or servicing to be moved, or (iv) authorized by an inspector to be fueled or serviced in the area. (4) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that all liquid hydrocarbon containers, whether empty or full, are removed from every exploration site by the end of each field season, unless otherwise authorized by an inspector.	June 22, 2026

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Exploration Access **9.10.1** (1) The construction, maintenance, deactivation and reclamation of exploration access and bridges or any other form of a stream, lake or wetland crossing shall result in exploration access and crossings that are stable, safe for the intended use, and which (a) minimize erosion, mass wasting or the degradation of a stream, lake or wetland by the introduction of sediment, debris or deleterious matter, (b) minimize adverse impacts on stream channels, (c) make provision for drainage systems that maintain stability of the road prism, (d) do not cause harmful alteration, damage or destruction of fish habitat, and (e) has the minimum surface disturbance necessary to complete the proposed work. (2) Clearing of standing timber shall not exceed the minimum required to accommodate the road prism, user safety and other operational requirements. (3) Material known to be capable of generating acid rock drainage shall not be used for exploration access surfacing or ballasting unless approved by an inspector. (4) Exploration access shall not interfere with the subsurface flow of a drainage area that contributes to a water supply used for licensed domestic consumption unless (a) there is no other practicable option, and (b) the impacts of the access construction can be mitigated.	**Exploration Access** **9.10.1**(1) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that construction, maintenance, deactivation and reclamation of exploration access and bridges or any other form of a stream, lake or wetland crossing results in exploration access and crossings that are stable, safe for the intended use, and which (a) minimize erosion, mass wasting or the degradation of a stream, lake or wetland by the introduction of sediment, debris or deleterious substances, (b) minimize adverse impacts on stream channels, (c) make provision for drainage systems that maintain stability of the road prism, (d) do not cause harmful alteration, damage or destruction of fish habitat, and (e) has the minimum surface disturbance necessary to complete the proposed work. (2) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that the clearing of standing timber does not exceed the minimum required to accommodate the road prism, user safety and other operational requirements. (3) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that material known to be capable of generating acid rock drainage is not used for exploration access surfacing or ballasting unless approved by an inspector. (4) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that exploration access does not interfere with the subsurface flow of a drainage area that contributes to a water supply used for licensed domestic consumption unless (a) there is no other practicable option, and	June 22, 2026

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(5) There shall be a program to routinely monitor and maintain exploration access as necessary and prudent so that it is stable and safe for the intended use until it is reclaimed to the satisfaction of an inspector. (6) Deactivation of exploration sites and access shall result in (a) stabilization of the exploration site, access road prism and clearing widths, (b) restoration or maintenance of drainage patterns, and (c) minimization of soil erosion to the extent practicable. (7) Reclamation of exploration access shall result in (a) restoration of drainage patterns, (b) removal of bridge superstructures, (c) removal of bridge substructures if failure would affect downstream values, (d) removal of all stream culverts, (e) a stable surface that minimizes future erosion, and (f) the establishment of self sustaining vegetation appropriate for the site which may include reforestation if so directed by an inspector. (8) Stream crossings shall be constructed, maintained, deactivated and reclaimed in a manner that allows safe fish passage and protects fish habitat at, above and below the stream crossing. (9) Stream crossings on streams that do not contain fish shall be constructed, maintained, deactivated and reclaimed in a manner that does not adversely affect downstream fish values.	(b) the impacts of the access construction can be mitigated. (5) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that a program is developed and implemented to routinely monitor and maintain exploration access so that the exploration access is stable and safe for the intended use until it is reclaimed to the satisfaction of an inspector. (6) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that the deactivation of exploration sites and access results in (a) stabilization of the exploration site, access road prism and clearing widths, (b) restoration or maintenance of drainage patterns, and (c) minimization of soil erosion to the extent practicable. (7) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that reclamation of exploration access results in (a) restoration of drainage patterns to as close to natural predisturbance conditions as possible, (b) removal of bridge superstructures, (c) removal of bridge substructures if failure would affect downstream values, (d) removal of all culverts, (e) a stable surface that minimizes future erosion, which may include recontouring if so directed by an inspector, and (f) the establishment of self-sustaining vegetation appropriate for the site which may include reforestation if so directed by an inspector. (8) The manager must ensure that stream crossings are constructed, maintained, deactivated and reclaimed in a	

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(10) An owner, agent or manager shall ensure that bridge design and fabrication is certified or approved by a qualified person. (11) An owner, agent, or manager shall ensure that (a) metal and concrete bridges are inspected by a qualified person at least once every three years, and other bridges at least once every two years, or as prescribed by the designer, (b) inspection records are maintained for the life of any bridge structure, and (c) any deficiencies identified as a result of an inspection are corrected as soon as practicable. (12) Bridges, stream culverts and their approaches shall be designed, constructed and maintained to pass the peak flows set out in Table 9.2. (13) Despite 9.10.1 (12) a temporary bridge or stream culvert may be constructed at a crossing to meet the expected flow during the period of use if (a) the stream is not a fish stream, (b) the installation and use will be in a period of low annual stream flows, and (c) the culvert or temporary bridge is removed before the period of high annual stream flows.	manner that allows safe fish passage and protects fish habitat at, above and below the stream crossing. (9) The manager must ensure that stream crossings on streams that are not fish streams are constructed, maintained, deactivated and reclaimed in a manner that does not adversely affect downstream fish values. (10) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that bridge design, fabrication and installation are certified or approved by a qualified professional. (11) The owner, agent, or manager must ensure that (a) metal and concrete bridges are inspected by a qualified professional at least once every three years, and other bridges at least once every two years, or as prescribed by the designer, (b) inspection records are maintained for the life of any bridge structure, and (c) any deficiencies identified during an inspection referred to in paragraph (a), or identified in any other way, are (i) addressed immediately, if they pose a significant risk to public or worker safety or the environment, or (ii) corrected as soon as practicable, if subparagraph (i) does not apply. (12) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that bridges, stream culverts and their approaches are designed, constructed and maintained to pass the peak flows set out in Table 9-2. (13) Despite subsection (12), a temporary bridge or stream culvert may be constructed at a crossing to meet the expected flow during the period of use if	

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	(a) the stream is not a fish stream, (b) the installation and use will be in a period of low seasonal stream flows, and (c) the culvert or temporary bridge is removed before the period of high seasonal stream flows.	
Drilling **9.11.1** (1) Drill sites shall not be located (a) within a stream, (b) within a lake unless a management plan has been approved by an inspector, or (c) within a known wetland unless (i) the exploration activity is conducted when the ground is frozen, (ii) at the time that work is conducted there is no standing water at the drill site, or (iii) a management plan has been approved by an inspector, (d) within a riparian setback area as defined in Table 9.1, (i) unless authorization has been obtained pursuant to the provisions of sections 9.5.1(2) and 9.5.1(3), and (ii) management plans shall include provision for management of drilling discharge. (2) An owner, agent or manager shall ensure that pumps and pump fuel supplies use absorbent mats and containment devices to prevent spilled liquid hydrocarbons from escaping.	**Drilling** **9.11.1** (1) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that drill sites are not located (a) within a stream, (b) within a lake or wetland unless a management plan, including provision for management of drilling discharge, has been approved by an inspector, or (c) repealed, (d) within a riparian setback area as defined in Table 9-1, unless (i) authorization has been obtained pursuant to the provisions of sections 9.5.1(2) and 9.5.1(3), and (ii) management plans include provision for management of drilling discharge. (2) An owner, agent or manager must ensure that pumps and pump fuel supplies use absorbent mats and containment devices to prevent spilled liquid hydrocarbons from escaping. (3) Unless otherwise authorized by an inspector, the owner, agent or manager must ensure that practicable measures are taken during exploration drilling operations that (a) effectively manage the flow of drilling discharge to a sump or containment, and	June 22, 2026

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(3) During exploration drilling operations, practicable measures shall be taken to manage the flow of drilling discharge, and minimize the impact on streams, wetlands or lakes. (4) Appropriate emergency spill kits shall be readily available at all active drill and water supply pump sites. (5) Groundwater shall not be permitted to flow from completed drill holes without the written authorization of an inspector. (6) Upon abandonment of an exploration drill site, all equipment, waste and other refuse shall be disposed of properly. (7) For exploration drilling operations in coal or coal-bearing formations (a) measures to manage the risk of loss of control of the drill hole due to an uncontrolled release of pressurized fluids must be taken, (b) the following must be developed by a qualified professional and made available to an inspector upon request: (i) a safe operating procedure including the following: (A) gas detection and monitoring, including for flammable and toxic gases; (B) any preventative equipment to be used to divert gases or prevent the uncontrolled release of pressurized fluids; (C) training requirements for field and drilling personnel regarding procedures,	(b) minimize the impact on streams, wetlands or lakes. (4) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that appropriate emergency spill kits are readily available at all active drill and water supply pump sites. (5) Despite subsections (5.1) and (5.2), the owner, agent or manager must ensure that groundwater does not flow from completed exploration drill holes without the written authorization of an inspector. (5.1) Unless otherwise authorized in writing by an inspector, the owner, agent or manager must ensure that (a) within one year of cessation of exploration activities, exploration drill holes are effectively sealed, and (b) before abandoning the exploration drill holes, each one is (i) decommissioned, (ii) effectively sealed below ground level, and (iii) covered with soil, if soil is available in the local area, or, if soil is not available, with other material in the local area. (5.2) Subsection (5.1) does not apply to an exploration drill hole if, on or before June 22, 2026**,** the drill hole was (a) decommissioned, or (b) not required to be sealed by condition of a permit. (6) Repealed. (7) The owner, agent or manager must ensure that, for exploration drilling operations in coal or coal-bearing formations,	

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assignment of responsibilities and operation of monitoring and preventative equipment; (D) requirements and procedures for decommissioning, which may include capping or cementing, to ensure that fluids will not leak from the drill hole, and (c) if control of a drill hole is lost or compromised, all actions necessary must be taken without delay to safely bring the hole under control.	(a) measures are taken to manage the risk of loss of control of an exploration drill hole due to an uncontrolled release of pressurized fluids, (b) safe operating procedures (i) are developed by a qualified professional, implemented and made available to inspector on request, and (ii) include the following matters: (A) gas detection and monitoring, including for flammable and toxic gases; (B) any preventative equipment to be used to divert gases or prevent the uncontrolled release of pressurized fluids; (C) training requirements for field and drilling personnel regarding procedures, assignment of responsibilities and operation of monitoring and preventative equipment; (D) requirements and procedures for decommissioning, which may include capping or cementing, to ensure that fluids will not leak from the exploration drill hole, and (c) if control of an exploration drill hole is lost or compromised, all actions necessary must be taken without delay to safely bring the exploration drill hole under control.	

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Camps **9.12.1** (1) An exploration camp required to support future exploration activities shall be left in a clean and safe condition and where practicable secured from wildlife access at the end of each field season. (2) An exploration camp not required to support future exploration activities shall be dismantled, removed and the site reclaimed, unless otherwise exempted in writing by an inspector. (3) Before leaving a camp for the season or reclaiming a camp site, all refuse shall be removed or burned and buried so that it will not attract wildlife, refuse pits shall be backfilled, and food and explosives removed from the site.	**Camps** **9.12.1** (1) The manager must ensure that an exploration camp required to support future exploration activities is left in a clean and safe condition and where practicable secured from wildlife access at the end of each field season. (2) The manager must ensure that an exploration camp not required to support future exploration activities is dismantled, removed and the site reclaimed, unless otherwise exempted in writing by an inspector. (3) The manager must ensure that, before leaving a camp for the season or reclaiming a camp site, all refuse and animal attractants are properly disposed of or removed from the site.	June 22, 2026
N/A	**Waste and Refuse** **9.13.01** The owner, agent or manager must ensure that, on cessation of exploration activities, all waste and other refuse is disposed of properly.	June 22, 2026

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Maximum Allowable Exposures **2.1.1** (1) The manager must ensure that no employee is exposed to airborne concentrations of a substance or noise in excess of the limit specified in (a) Table 2-1 or 2-2, or (b) the publication by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists entitled, "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents & Biological Exposure Indices", as amended from time to time, if the substance or noise is not specified in Table 2-1 or Table 2-2. (2) In the case of Item 17, Diesel Particulate Matter, as Elemental Carbon, in Table 2-1, the manager does not have to comply with subsection (1) with respect to the Item until May 1, 2025.	**Maximum Allowable Exposures** **2.1.1** (1) The manager must ensure that no employee is exposed to airborne concentrations of a substance or noise in excess of the limit specified in (a) Table 2-1 or 2-2, or (b) the publication by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists entitled, "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents & Biological Exposure Indices", as amended from time to time, if the substance or noise is not specified in Table 2-1 or Table 2-2. (2) Repealed.	June 22, 2026 Note: (2) repealed as May 1, 2025 has passed
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS) **Application** **2.13.1** (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), sections 2.13.2 to 2.13.20 apply to managers and workers in respect of hazardous products used, stored, or handled at a mine. (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), sections 2.13.2 to 2.13.20 do not apply to a hazardous waste except that the manager must ensure the safe storage and handling of a hazardous waste generated at that mine through the combination of identification, employee education and training, and information required by this code.	**Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS)** **Application** **2.13.1** (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), sections 2.13.2 to 2.13.19 apply to managers and workers in respect of hazardous products used, stored, or handled at a mine. (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), sections 2.13.2 to 2.13.19 do not apply to a hazardous waste except that the manager must ensure the safe storage and handling of a hazardous waste generated at that mine through the combination of identification, employee education and training, and information required by this code.	N/A – already in force Note: only edit made was to correct wrong section references in (1) and (4)

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Team Complement **3.7.6** The normal compliment of a mine rescue team shall be 6 qualified members, one of whom shall be the team captain, one the vice captain, and one the coordinator who shall remain at the fresh air base at all times.	**Team Complement** **3.7.6** The normal complement of a mine rescue team shall be 6 qualified members, one of whom shall be the team captain, one the vice captain, and one the coordinator who shall remain at the fresh air base at all times.	N/A – already in force Note: only edit made was to fix typo
Underground Oil and Grease Storage Areas **4.3.4** (1) The manager shall notify the inspector, in writing, of the intention to construct an underground oil and grease storage enclosure for quantities in excess of those outlined in section 4.8.1(2)(b).	**Underground Oil and Grease Storage Areas** **4.3.4** (1) The manager shall notify the inspector, in writing, of the intention to construct an underground oil and grease storage enclosure for quantities in excess of those outlined in section 4.3.10(2)(b).	N/A – already in force Note: only edit made was to update section reference in (1)
Fixed Equipment (Plant and Machinery) **Fall Arresting Devices** **4.4.1** (1) Subject to subsection (5), where a person is exposed to the hazard of falling more than 3 m, a fall arresting device shall be used. (2) The fall arresting device required by subsection (1) shall comply with the relevant design and performance requirements of (a) CSA Z259.1-95 "Safety Belts and Lanyards", or (b) CSA Z259.2.1-98 "Fall Arresters, Vertical Lifelines and Rails", or (c) CSA Z259.2.2-98 "Self-Retracting Devices for Personal Rail- Arrest", or (d) CSA Z259.2.3-98 "Descent Control Devices." (3) Safety belts, harnesses, lanyards and lifelines shall not be knotted or allowed to become knotted. (4) When in use with a fall arresting device, a lifeline shall be anchored so that a person cannot fall, free of arrest, for more	**Elevating Work Platforms and Aerial Devices** **Fall Arresting Devices** **4.5.01** (1) Subject to subsection (5), where a person is exposed to the hazard of falling more than 3 m, a fall arresting device shall be used. (2) The fall arresting device required by subsection (1) shall comply with the relevant design and performance requirements of (a) CSA Z259.1-95 "Safety Belts and Lanyards", or (b) CSA Z259.2.1-98 "Fall Arresters, Vertical Lifelines and Rails", or (c) CSA Z259.2.2-98 "Self-Retracting Devices for Personal Rail- Arrest", or (d) CSA Z259.2.3-98 "Descent Control Devices." (3) Safety belts, harnesses, lanyards and lifelines shall not be knotted or allowed to become knotted. (4) When in use with a fall arresting device, a lifeline shall be anchored so that a person cannot fall, free of arrest, for more	N/A – already in force Note: only edit made was to renumber 4.4.1 as 4.5.01 and move to more appropriate location in Part 4

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than 1220 mm, and it shall be connected to an object that is free from sharp edges and capable of resisting the force of an arrest. (5) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person employed in shaft sinking where measures are in effect to provide equal or greater protection against falling.	than 1220 mm, and it shall be connected to an object that is free from sharp edges and capable of resisting the force of an arrest. (5) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person employed in shaft sinking where measures are in effect to provide equal or greater protection against falling.	
Conveyor Belts **4.4.16** (8.1) If a conveyor system has guards that are not required under section 4.2.2, subsection (8) applies to servicing, or cleaning up spillage, on or around the moving conveyor belt as set out, except that the guards may be removed. (9.1) Subsection (9) only applies with respect to guards that are required under section 4.2.2.	**Conveyor Belts** **4.4.16** (8.1) If a conveyor system has guards that are not required under section 4.4.2, subsection (8) of this section applies to servicing, or cleaning up spillage, on or around the moving conveyor belt as set out, except that the guards may be removed. (9.1) Subsection (9) of this section only applies with respect to guards that are required under section 4.4.2.	N/A – already in force Note: only edit made to update section references in (8.1) and (9.1)
Mine Development Review Committee **10.2.6** (1) The chief permitting office may refer to the advisory committee or the regional advisory committee established pursuant to section 9 of the *Mines Act*, (a) applications submitted under section 10.2.1 of this code, and (b) any Notice of Work submitted under section 10.1.2 of this code.	**Mine Development Review Committee** **10.2.6** (1) The chief permitting officer may refer to the advisory committee or the regional advisory committee established pursuant to section 9 of the *Mines Act*, (a) applications submitted under section 10.2.1 of this code, and (b) any Notice of Work submitted under section 10.1.2 of this code.	N/A – already in force Note: only edit made was to fix typo
Failure and Breach or Runout Assessment **10.5.5** (3) If, before the date this section comes into force, a breach and inundation study or a failure runout assessment was completed in accordance with section 10.1.11 of the code, as it read immediately before its repeal, (a) the manager must ensure that, before May 1, 2026, the engineer of record updates the study or assessment so that the requirements	**Failure and Breach or Runout Assessment** **10.5.5** (3) Repealed. (4) Repealed.	June 22, 2026 Note: (3) and (4) repealed as May 1, 2026 has passed

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of subsection (1) (a) to (d) of this section are met, (b) despite its repeal, section 10.1.11, as it read immediately before its repeal, continues to apply with respect to the study or assessment until the study or assessment is updated in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection, and (c) on the date this section comes into force, the manager must comply with subsection (2) of this section with respect to the study or assessment, before and after it is updated in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection. (4) If, before the date this section comes into force, a breach and inundation study or failure runout assessment was not completed in accordance with section 10.1.11, as it read immediately before its repeal, the manager is not required to comply with subsections (1) and (2) of this section until May 1, 2026.		
Seismic and Flood Design Criteria **10.5.7** (3) The manager must ensure that the engineer of record designs the inflow design flood of each TSF or dam so that it addresses the following: (a) evaluation of scenarios of frequency, intensity and duration to identify controlling events; (b) consideration of rain or snow; (c) consideration of the effect of the seasons.	**Seismic and Flood Design Criteria** **10.5.7** (3) The manager must ensure that the engineer of record designs the inflow design flood of each TSF or dam so that it addresses the following: (a) evaluation of scenarios of frequency, intensity and duration to identify controlling events; (b) consideration of rain on snow; (c) consideration of the effect of the seasons.	N/A – already in force Note: minor edit to (3)(b) made to fix typo

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Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual **10.6.6** (10) If, before the date this section comes into force, an OMS manual was prepared in accordance with section 10.5.2 of the code, as it read immediately before its repeal, (a) the manager must ensure that, before May 1, 2025, one or more qualified persons updates the manual so that the requirements of subsection (5) of this section are met, and (b) subsection (4) of this section does not apply with respect of the manual.	**Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual** **10.6.6** (10) Repealed.	June 22, 2026 Note: (10) repealed as May 1, 2025 has passed
Water Management **10.6.7** (12) If, before the date this section comes into force, an overall site water balance was completed in accordance with section 10.1.3 (d) (xi) of the code, as it read immediately before its repeal, and an overall water management plan was completed in accordance with section 10.1.3 (d) (vi) of the code, as it read immediately before its repeal, (a) the manager is not required to comply with subsections (1), (2), (3), (10) (a) and (b) and (11) of this section, with respect to the overall site water balance and overall water management plan, until March 30, 2026, and (b) despite their repeal, sections 10.1.3 (d) (vi) and 10.1.3 (d) (xi), as they read immediately before their repeal, continue to apply to the overall site water balance and overall water management plan, respectively, until the earlier of the following:	**Water Management** **10.6.7** (12) Repealed. (13) Repealed. (14) Repealed.	June 22, 2026 Note: (12), (13) and (14) repealed as the March 30, 2026 and March 31, 2025 dates have passed

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(i) the manager complies with subsections (1), (2), (3), (10) (a) and (b) and (11) of this section; (ii) March 30, 2026. (13) If, before the date this section comes into force, a water balance and water management plan was completed for a TSF or dam in accordance with section 10.1.12 (1) of the code, as it read immediately before its repeal, (a) the manager is not required to comply with subsections (4) (a) and (8) of this section in respect of the water balance and water management plans until March 30, 2026, (b) despite its repeal, section 10.1.12 (1), as it read immediately before its repeal, continues to apply to the water balance and water management plan until the earlier of the following: (i) the manager complies with subsections (4) (a) and (8) of this section; (ii) March 30, 2026, and (c) subject to subsection (14) of this section, the manager must provide to the chief inspector the annual reconciliation of the water balance by March 31 of the year following the year it is reconciled. (14) Subsection (13) (c) of this section ceases to apply after the annual reconciliation of the water balance that is due by March 31, 2025 is provided to the chief inspector.		
Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan **10.6.10** (4) If, before the date this section comes into force, an Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan was made for	**Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan** **10.6.10** (4) Repealed.	June 22, 2026 Note: (4) repealed as

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a TSF or dam in accordance with section 10.4.2 (1) (e), as it read immediately before its repeal, (a) the manager must, before May 1, 2025, update the plan so that the requirements of subsection (1) of this section are met, and (b) despite its repeal, section 10.4.2 (1) (e), as it read immediately before its repeal, continues to apply with respect to the plan until the earlier of the following: (i) the plan has been updated in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection; (ii) May 1, 2025.		May 1, 2025 has passed