

Dear Free Miner,

**Re: Upcoming Changes to MTO Mapping Functions**

Note: Everyone who has a valid free miner certificate or is a recorded holder of a valid title are receiving this email.

This is the second email regarding the upcoming changes to the Mineral Titles Online (MTO) map viewer and further to our first email of May 3, 2016.

The deployment of the new Common Web Mapping (CWM) map viewer has been tentatively scheduled for May 31, 2016. Please note that MTO may be unavailable for a period of time while this mapping change is being implemented. An estimate of the outage time will be posted to our News, Notices & Announcements webpage at: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/mineral-titles/news-notices-announcements#news>

With respect to the use and operation of MTO, the CWM map viewer will be used by MTO for all searches and event registrations that require a map viewer or when using a map viewer to select cells or titles. The CWM map viewer will have a completely different look from the existing map viewer that you have been using. Tools and toolbars have been re-located and the use of some functions has also changed.

The new IMF2 map viewer will contain more functionality and tools that you may need, such as mark-up tools for adding notations to a map, options for printing maps at different sizes and orientations, and the ability to save a map in the Adobe PDF file format. The IMF2 map viewer will be a Mineral Titles customized version of [iMapBC](#).

As an end user, we understand that you will need to learn and become familiar with how to operate both of the new map viewers. We are in the process of updating the MTO Help Guide to reflect the new CWM map viewer. We are also creating transition documents to help you navigate the change in the tools and functions from the existing map viewer to the new CWM map viewer. These guides will be posted to our branch website.

As mentioned previously, the dual map viewers of CWM and IMF2 are intended to be a temporary measure. The CWM map viewer will continue to be developed to add the necessary tools and functions that are found in the IMF2 map viewer with the final goal of having only the CWM map viewer to provide you with all the tools and functions you need to manage your titles.

There is no map viewer currently available that uses the CWM technology; however, if you would like to get familiar with an IMF2 map viewer, the iMapBC 4 Mobile map viewer is currently available and is very similar to the MTO IMF2 map viewer. You can access the iMapBC 4 Mobile viewer and reference material at the following website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/databc/geographic-data-and-services/imapbc>

As information becomes available, we will post updates regarding the pending changeover of our map viewers at the following web page: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/mineral-titles/news-notices-announcements/notices-mineral-placer-titles/mto-mapping>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [Mineral.Titles@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mineral.Titles@gov.bc.ca) or toll-free during weekday business hours at 1-866-616-4999.

*On behalf of*

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Chief Gold Commissioner

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