

Class 1 Notification

Questions and Answers for Claimholders and Operators

What is a Class 1 notification?

Class 1 notification is a process that requires claimholders and operators to submit a notice to the Yukon government to carry out Class 1 exploration work in identified areas around the territory. Once the operator has submitted the notice to the district Mining Recorders office, the Yukon government will review the notice, consult with all affected First Nations on the proposed program, and inform the operator of the decision.

Who does Class 1 notification apply to?

Class 1 notification applies to claim holders and operators undertaking Class 1 quartz exploration, Class 1 placer exploration and placer prospecting lease work in designated Class 1 notification areas. All claimholders and operators intending to carry out their work program in Class 1 notification areas must follow the Class 1 notification process.

Operators holding a Class 2, 3, and 4 mining land use approval are not be required to submit a Class 1 notification. However, if you are undertaking an activity that is not included in your Class 2, 3, or 4 mining land use approval, please contact the district Mining Recorders office about your particular situation.

Where does Class 1 notification apply?

A map can be viewed of the existing Class 1 notifications at any of the district Mining Recorders offices, or online at www.yukonminingrecorder.ca

Generally speaking, notification of Class 1 activities is required in the following areas:

- Ross River area;
- Peel River Watershed area;
- South-Western Yukon area;
- Watson Lake area;
- Southern Yukon area;
- All Category A and B Settlement Land identified in or pursuant to the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements.
- Effective April 1, 2018, the Dawson area

Refer to the online Yukon Mining Map Viewer for detailed locations of boundaries of designated Class 1 notification areas at <http://mapservices.gov.yk.ca/Mining/>

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What if I am unsure whether I am working in Class 1 notification area?

Please contact the district Mining Recorders office. They will let you know if you are required to submit a Class 1 notification. You can also refer to the Class 1 notification areas using the Yukon Mining Map Viewer at <http://mapservices.gov.yk.ca/Mining/>.

Why is notification required in some areas of Yukon?

The Yukon government has a legal duty to notify and consult with First Nations and the Class 1 notification process enables the Yukon government to meet this requirement. Class 1 notification has been a requirement in parts of Yukon since January 2014. Additional notification areas have been added and over half of Yukon is now designated a Class 1 notification area.

Why is the Dawson Area now a Class 1 Notification area?

In March 2017, the Yukon government agreed to implement Class 1 notification in the entire Traditional Territory of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Dawson Area) to resolve an outstanding court case.

How long does the Class 1 Notification review process take?

The Class 1 notification process takes a minimum of 25 days. Additional time may be required by the Yukon government to complete consultation with First Nation governments and carry out a review of potential environmental and socio-economic effects of the Class 1 work program.

What are Class 1 level activities?

Class 1 level mineral exploration activities are defined in the Class 1 thresholds of the Exploration Program Class Criteria ([column 2](#)) contained within both the [Quartz Mining Land Use Regulations](#) and [Placer Mining Land Use Regulations](#). This low level of work is designed to allow for grassroots exploration without going through an environmental assessment or permitting review.

Please contact the district Mining Recorders office if you are unsure if your activities are within the Class 1 thresholds.

How do I submit my Class 1 notification?

Claim holders or operators can submit Class 1 notifications using the online "[Submit your Class 1 Notification Service](#)" that can be accessed at www.yukonminingrecorder.ca. Submitting your notification through the online system is recommended as it is a more streamlined review process, however, paper-based notifications will continue be accepted. Public computers are available in each of the district Mining Recorders offices for use.

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I have staked a Placer Prospecting Lease. Do I need to submit a Class 1 notification and the work program form?

The online system and Class 1 notification forms are only for submitting Class 1 notification for placer and quartz claimholders. The Placer Prospecting Lease Work Program form must be submitted for all placer prospecting leases and must be approved prior to conducting your work program. This form will also serve as the Class 1 notification requirement in Class 1 notification areas. Work on placer prospecting leases is limited to prospecting activities. Mining or preparation for mining (e.g., stripping) is not allowed.

Contact the district Mining Recorder's office if you have any questions about your work program.

Do I have to consult with First Nations on my Class 1 activities?

The Yukon government will notify and consult with all affected First Nations on your Class 1 notification. Operators are encouraged to discuss their Class 1 programs directly with the affected First Nation(s), which may speed up the review process.

What kind of reclamation is required on my claim(s) or lease(s)?

All Class 1 work must be reclaimed and all structures must be removed within 12-months of beginning your Class 1 activities as described in the [Quartz Mining Land Use Regulations](#) and [Placer Mining Land Use Regulations](#).

What happens if I change my plans, can I amend my Class 1 notification?

If you need to amend your Class 1 notification, please contact the district Mining Recorders office to discuss the nature of the amendment. Submission of an additional Class 1 notification may be required. A Class 1 notification cannot be amended beyond the 12-month duration.

What happens if I do not complete a Class 1 notification and one is required?

Please contact the district Mining Recorders office if you have concerns that you may not have submitted a notification in a Class 1 notification designated area.

Where can I find more information?

Further information on the process for submission and review of a Class 1 notification is at www.yukonminingrecorder.ca or contact the district Mining Recorders offices.

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