

Guidelines: Request for Posting (RFP)

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Modes of Delivery



Hand delivery,
Mail, & Courier



Fax



E-mail

Request for Posting
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Invitation for Requests for Postings (RFPs)

The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources of Yukon invites expressions of interest in the form of RFPs for the identification of locations of Oil and Gas Permits granting oil and gas rights in Yukon oil and gas lands to be sold pursuant to a Call for Bids (CFB). “Yukon oil and gas lands” are lands in which oil and gas is under the administration and control of the Government of Yukon. Thus, these Guidelines do not apply to lands such as Category A Settlement Lands of Yukon First Nations or lands belonging to the Government of Canada.

These Guidelines are intended to assist persons submitting RFPs. All RFPs received become the property of Government of Yukon, and will not be returned. The Minister has the right to refuse any RFP submitted. Unless the Minister refuses an RFP, it will be subject to the review process provided for in sections 6 to 8 of the *Oil and Gas Disposition Regulations* (OGDR).

For legislative requirements relating to RFPs and CFBs, see sections 5 to 12 of the OGDR and for Oil and Gas Permits, see sections 30 to 37 of the *Oil and Gas Act* (the Act) and sections 35 to 38 of the OGDR.

RFP Closing Dates

The Minister will establish dates on which RFPs will proceed to the review process. Anticipated closing dates, on being determined, will be posted on the Oil and Gas Management Branch website at www.yukonoilandgas.com. RFP closing dates are subject to change.

Contents of RFPs

An RFP must contain the following:

- the completed RFP Form, and
- a map showing the requested Permit location.

The Branch also requests a geo-referenced file with associated metadata indicating the proposed Permit location. The inclusion of the file with the RFP is optional.

For additional information about how to submit an RFP, see **Instructions for Completing the RFP Form**.

Modes of Delivery

The RFP may be delivered to the Branch via hand delivery, mail, courier, fax, or e-mail. Documents received by way of fax and e-mail will be treated as originals. Sending a paper copy is not required. E-mailed files should be in PDF format with appropriate authorized signatures. When faxing an RFP, please send the geo-referenced file with associated metadata via e-mail. The Branch reserves the right to request original copies of faxed and e-mailed documents, with original signatures. Confirmation of receipt of an RFP can be obtained by calling (867) 667-3427.

Confidentiality

All information concerning the identity of the person(s) submitting an RFP will remain confidential. To ensure confidentiality when faxing, call the Branch at (867) 667-3427 immediately prior to transmission. A staff member will receive the fax and ensure confidentiality is maintained.

Lands Available for RFPs

Subject to the exceptions described below, all Yukon oil and gas lands are available for selection as a requested Permit location in an RFP. See the map entitled *Yukon Land Status with Oil and Gas Interests*. A digital version of this map can also be found on the Branch website at http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/pdf/yukon_land_status_with_oil_gas_interests2007.pdf.

The following Yukon oil and gas lands are not available for RFPs:

- lands withdrawn by the Minister from disposition;
- lands subject to a Yukon Oil and Gas Permit or Lease;
- lands subject to an exploration licence, significant discovery licence, or oil and gas lease issued by the Government of Canada before November 19, 1998;
- lands subject to a coal licence or coal lease issued by the Government of Canada pursuant to regulations under the *Territorial Lands Act* (Canada) before April 1, 2003;
- lands withdrawn from disposition under the *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* to facilitate the settlement of land claims of Yukon First Nations;
- lands that are within the traditional territories of Ross River Dena Council, Liard First Nation and White River First Nation as shown on the *Yukon Land Status with Oil and Gas Interests* map; and
- lands that are designated as Yukon First Nation Category B settlement lands, parks, Special Management Areas (SMAs), Habitat Protection Areas (HPAs), or other special management areas, as shown on the *Yukon Land Status with Oil and Gas Interests* map.

First Nation Relations

Before the effective date of a Yukon First Nation's final land claim agreement, the Minister cannot issue a call for bids for the sale of a Permit with a location within the traditional territory of a Yukon First Nation without the consent of that First Nation. Three Yukon First Nations are currently without final land claim agreements: Ross River Dena Council, Liard First Nation and White River First Nation. The traditional territories of these three Yukon First Nations are shown on the map entitled *Yukon Land Status with Oil and Gas Interests*. A map showing the traditional territories of all Yukon First Nations can be found online at <http://www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/geomatics/maps/FNTT.pdf>.

Size and Configuration of Permit Locations

Each requested Permit location must be comprised of laterally or diagonally contiguous blocks.

The minimum size of each requested Permit location is one (1) section; the maximum size is 500 sq. km or one hundred and sixty (160) sections (the equivalent of 2 grid areas). For more information about describing locations, refer to **Instructions for Completing the RFP Form** and **sections 2 to 4 of the OGDR**.

Special Conditions

Any request for special conditions that would form part of a Permit, if issued, will be considered if identified in the RFP.

Geology

The Yukon Geological Survey has prepared resource assessments for Yukon's eight sedimentary basins. To view these assessments, please refer to the Branch website, <http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/oilandgas/index.html>.

Best Management Practices

Yukon's oil and gas best management practices are found on the Branch website at www.yukonoilandgas.com. Yukon has, and is continuing to develop best management practices for oil and gas exploration and development activities. Companies are encouraged to employ these best management practices in respect of all oil and gas activities including the planning and implementation of those activities as well as the eventual decommissioning of oil and gas operations and facilities.

Eligibility to Hold a Disposition

No person is eligible to be the holder or one of the holders of a Permit unless that person is a corporation that is incorporated, continued, or registered under the *Business Corporations Act*; incorporated or continued under the *Bank Act* (Canada); licensed under the *Insurance Act*; or approved by the Minister as a corporation that may hold a Permit.

RFP Review Process

The Department's Division Head is required:

- to publicize a notice relating to each RFP, containing an invitation to the general public to submit representations; and
- to initiate a review of the RFPs and will refer the RFPs to each Yukon First Nation whose final land claim agreement is in effect and within whose traditional territory all or any part of the requested location is situated.

The submissions received under the notice and review process provide valuable information to the Division Head in the determination of environmental, socio-economic, and surface access concerns.

The following summarizes the steps of the notice and review process:

1. Information pertaining to each RFP is published and the public is invited to make representations to the Division Head with respect to any environmental, socio-economic, or surface access concerns that could arise as a result of activities or operations conducted pursuant to the requested Permit if it were issued.
2. The RFP is referred to each Yukon First Nation in whose traditional territory the location of the requested Permit would be situated if it were issued.
3. The RFP is referred to the Government of Yukon departments and agencies that would be directly affected by, or would have administrative or operational responsibilities related to, planned activities that would be conducted on the requested Permit location if the Permit were issued.
4. The Division Head will consider the information obtained from Yukon First Nations, the public, and the Government of Yukon departments and agencies, then submit a report containing a recommendation to the Minister.
5. The Minister will make a decision regarding the request after considering the Division Head's report and recommendation. The Minister may approve locations that are comprised of one or more RFP locations, or combinations thereof.
6. The Minister will decide whether to proceed with a CFB.

Sources of Additional Information

Maps

1. The map entitled: *Yukon Land Status with Oil and Gas Interests* can be found at http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/pdf/yukon_land_status_with_oil_gas_interests2007.pdf.
2. A map illustrating the traditional territories of Yukon First Nations can be found at <http://www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/geomatics/maps/FNTT.pdf>.
3. An interactive map with traditional territories of Yukon First Nations, oil and gas dispositions and the Yukon Land Division System can be found at: www.emr.gov.yk.ca/oilandgas/mapsdata.html.
4. Yukon Oil and Gas Resource Assessments have been posted online at <http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/oilandgas/index.html>.
5. Yukon [biophysical information](http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/oilandgas/1616.html) is located at <http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/oilandgas/1616.html>.

Legislation and Regulations, General Oil and Gas Information

Additional copies of the RFP package, maps, copies of the OGDR, and other regulations made pursuant to the Yukon's *Oil and Gas Act*, and general information on Yukon oil and gas, may be obtained from the following sources:

1. Copies of the writeable PDF Request for Posting Form can be found online at <http://www.gov.yk.ca/forms/#o>.
2. The Oil and Gas Management Branch website at www.yukonoilandgas.com.
3. Oil and Gas Management Branch
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources
#300, 211 Main Street
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Tel: (867) 667-3427
Fax: (867) 393-6262
E-mail: oilandgasdisposition@gov.yk.ca
4. Government of Yukon publication: *Permit/Authorization Guide For Activities in the Yukon Territory*. ISBN 1-55362-248-0. This booklet is located at http://www.eco.gov.yk.ca/pdf/permit_guide_website_2005-07-05.pdf.

Rights Issuance Process and Oil and Gas Resource Management Regime

For more information on RFPs, the rights issuance process, or the oil and gas resource management regime, please contact:

Debra Wortley, Rights Disposition Manager
Oil and Gas Management Branch
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources
#300, 211 Main Street
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2B2
Tel: (867) 667-3512 Fax: (867) 393-6262
E-mail: debra.wortley@gov.yk.ca

Submitting Maps and Digital Geo-referenced Files

To obtain information about Yukon oil and gas maps and digital geo-referenced files with associated metadata contact:

David Laxton, GIS Database Administrator
Oil and Gas Management Branch
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources
#300, 211 Main Street
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2B2
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Geological Information

To obtain geological information contact:

Lee Pigage, Project Geologist
Oil and Gas Management Branch
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6
Tel: (867) 667-8192 Fax: (867) 393-6232
E-mail: lee.pigage@gov.yk.ca

Surface Access and Land Use Permits

To obtain additional information contact:


Marg White, Manager Land Use
Lands Branch
Department of Energy, Mines and Resources
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6
Tel: (867) 667-3173 Fax: (867) 667-3214
E-mail: marg.white@gov.yk.ca

Content of RFPs

All RFPs must be made on the *Request for Posting Form*.

Above the Line

This area will be filled out by the Branch. The date of the RFP will be the day the completed request, including the form and map, are received at the Branch.

 <p>To: Request for Posting Attention: Division Head Oil and Gas Management Branch Department of Energy, Mines and Resources #300, 211 Main Street Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2B2 Phone: (867) 667-3427 Fax: (867) 393-6262 E-mail: oilandgasdisposition@gov.yk.ca</p>	REQUEST FOR POSTING FORM	
	Date Received: <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	
		Record No. <input type="text"/>
		Date Recorded: <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>
<small>DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THE LINE. FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY.</small>		

A. Oil and Gas Basin

Indicate the oil and gas basin for which you are requesting a posting. Yukon oil and gas basins are shown on the map entitled *Yukon Land Status with Oil and Gas Interests*. If the RFP location is outside the oil and gas basins, enter, “not applicable”.

A. Oil and Gas Basin:	<input style="width: 700px;" type="text"/>
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B. Location

Indicate the requested Permit location by using the land division system. A digital geo-referenced file with associated metadata, although optional, is requested.

B. Location: description and map required. In addition, we request a digital geo-referenced file with associated metadata.				
NTS Quad(s):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Grid Area(s):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Section(s):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number of Sections:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Land Division System

The land division system for RFP purposes is prescribed in sections 2 to 4 of the OGDR. Under the Yukon land division system land areas are divided into **grid areas**; **grid areas** into **sections**; and **sections** into **units**.

Grids are bounded to the east and west by successive meridians of longitude. The boundaries are spaced every 15' of longitude (e.g., 134° 00' W and 134° 15' W).

To the north and south, the boundaries of grid areas are defined by parallels of latitude joining the points of intersection of their east and west boundaries with successive parallels of latitude spaced every 10' (e.g., 65° 00' N and 65° 10' N). Every grid area is referred to by the latitude and longitude co-ordinates of its northeast corner (e.g., 65° 10' N, 134° 00' W).

A grid area is divided into 80 sections. A section is bounded to the east and west by meridians. The boundaries of the sections are spaced at intervals of 1/8 of the distance between the east and west boundaries of the grid.

80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
				39			
				38			
				37			
				36			
75	65	55	45	35	25	15	5
				34			
				33			
				32			
71	61	51	41	31	21	11	1

Grid area with 80 sections

To the north and south, the boundaries of sections are defined by parallels of latitude spaced at intervals of 1/10 of the distance between the north and south boundaries of the grid area.

The sections are numbered and each is referred to by its number (see the figure above). For additional information about the Land Division System see:

http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/pdf/3170-30-06200_Land_Division_System_Poster.pdf.

C. Special Conditions

Indicate any requested special conditions the company/person wishes to have contained in the Permit. Attach separate page(s) if necessary.

<p>C. Special Conditions: _____ <small>Attach additional page(s) if necessary.</small></p>

D. Company/Person

Insert the name of the company/person submitting the RFP. Include the name, signature, and contact information of the company/person's authorized representative.

D. _____ Company/Person		
_____ Address		
_____ City/Town	_____ Territory/Province	_____ Postal Code
_____ Phone	_____ Fax	_____ Email
_____ Authorized Signature		
_____ Title	_____ Name (Please Print)	

E. Enclosures

A completed RFP form must be accompanied by a map of the requested Permit location. The optional geo-referenced files with associated metadata may be included in a submission on a CD and sent to the Branch, or submitted by e-mail. Please ensure the CD or e-mailed file is clearly identified.

Refer to **Modes of Delivery** and **Confidentiality** in these Guidelines for additional information concerning submitting an RFP.

<p>E. Enclosures:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request for Posting Form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Map</p> <p>Indicate if digital geo-referenced file with associated metadata has been:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> included OR <input type="checkbox"/> e-mailed. Filename: _____</p> <p>Y4/03002/F1 01/2007</p>
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Minimum Requirements for Geo-referenced File

Datum

Preferred: NAD83 CRSC

Acceptable: NAD83 and WGS84

Unacceptable: NAD27 is no longer used by Oil and Gas Management Branch.

Projections

Preferred: Yukon Albers

Acceptable: Unprojected (Lat, Long) and UTM

Acceptable File Types

- ESRI Personal Geographic Database (PGD) with Metadata Record
- ESRI Shape with Projection and Metadata Record
- ESRI Coverage with Metadata Record
- AutoCAD DWG/DXF, with Metadata Record
- MicroStation DGN, with Metadata Record

Metadata

A minimum acceptable metadata record will contain:

- File Name
- Name of company/person
- Contact Name and Number
- Data Abstract
- Datum
- Projection
- Accuracy
- Date

Comments

Indicate additional information related to the geo-referenced file. Attach separate page(s) if necessary.

Yukon Land Status with Oil and Gas Interests Map

A digital version of this map can be found at http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/pdf/yukon_land_status_with_oil_gas_interests2007.pdf. This map identifies Yukon lands which may be subject to terms and conditions of use and access other than those set out in federal or Yukon laws.

The Yukon Land Status With Oil and Gas Interests map is a generalized graphical representation of areas that are to be displayed at a 1:2 000 000 scale; smaller areas are not shown. The accuracy of the digital information is adequate for the representation at this scale but the data should not be used at a more detailed scale. The data are not to be used for statistical analysis, nor should they be used to resolve boundary issues.

This map reflects the Government of Yukon's best understanding of the current status of the Yukon lands portrayed. Every effort has been made to ensure accurate representation of the type, size, and location of designation. However, the map does not constitute evidence on which to base a legal opinion respecting property rights. For clarification, readers should consult with the various Yukon departments and agencies responsible for the administration of those lands.

