

Compliance and Enforcement Reporting

1 April to 30 June 2024

Compliance Activities (Minerals and Petroleum)

The Resource and Environmental Regulation Group's (RER) Resource and Environmental Compliance Division uses an integrated approach to compliance planning and monitoring activities across its branches. In Q2 2024, the following desktop compliance activities and site inspections were completed:

Mine Closure and Environmental Services and Mining Environmental Compliance Branches (Minerals)	Inspections (onsite)	55
	Desktop Compliance Assessments	54
Mine Closure and Environmental Services Branch (Native Vegetation)	Compliance Assessment Inspections (onsite)	1
	Desktop Compliance Assessments	61
Petroleum and Energy Compliance Branch (Petroleum Gas Onshore and Offshore)	Compliance Assessment Inspections (onsite)	13
	Desktop Compliance Assessments	38
	Submitted Report Analysis	33
Financial Compliance Branch (Minerals and Petroleum)	Planned Desktop Compliance Assessments	73
	Unplanned Desktop Compliance Assessments	10
Title Compliance Branch – Third Party Audit requests issued (Minerals and Petroleum)		24
Mining Rehabilitation Fund (Minerals)		324

Enforcement Actions (Petroleum)

The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) uses enforcement actions to influence compliance within the petroleum sector. In Q2 2024, the following were issued:

Warning Letters	4
Overdue Notices	28
Revisions Required by Minister or delegate	0
Notice of Intent to issue Directions	0
Late Payment Penalties issued	11
Directions	0

Enforcement Actions (Minerals)

DEMIRS uses enforcement actions to influence compliance within the mining sector. In Q2 2024, the following were issued:

Environmental Enforcement Actions

Directions to Modify	1
Stop Work Orders	0
Warning Letters	5
Investigative Referrals	0

Forfeiture Warnings

Notice of Intent to Forfeit	263
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Penalties in Lieu of Forfeiture

Titles Compliance Branch	
Nature of Breach	Penalty
Failure to meet expenditure conditions	26
Late lodgement of Form 5	83
Late lodgement of Mineral Exploration Reports	1
Late payment of rent	63
Late payment of royalty	8

Penalties in Lieu of Forfeiture

Mine Closure and Environmental Services Branch and Mining Environmental Compliance Branch		
<i>Nature of Breach</i>	<i>Learnings for Industry</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
Breach of conditions relating to rehabilitation and removal of waste.	Ensure correct and timely rehabilitation and waste management methods are adhered to.	\$12,898.00
Overflow of seepage facility - death to surrounding native vegetation.	Ensure correct inspection and maintenance of mining operations.	\$31,995.00
Discharge of hypersaline water to the environment, resulting in vegetation death.	Ensure correct operational management of mining operations and protection of the environment.	\$20,820.00
Breach of conditions for failure to remove rubbish, dumping of liquid and solid waste on site, for excavation to ground water, unapproved changes to the surface water regime, unapproved change to surface water regime.	Ensure correct operational management of mining operations. Ensure measures are taken to dispose of waste appropriately and protect the environment.	\$60,606.00
Importation and disposal of unclean materials/liquids, mining below approved depth, perimeter bund breach creating pollution pathway to Nickol River.	Ensure measures are taken to dispose of waste appropriately and protect the environment.	\$15,757.00
Breach of condition relating to the protection of the environment during the construction and operation of the project outside the approved Mining Proposal.	Ensure activities remain within the approved areas and ensure protection of the environment.	\$34,775.00
Clearing outside of approved area and removal of priority flora species.	Ensure mining activities remain within the approved areas and protection of the environment.	\$7,625.00
Breach of conditions relating to failure to undertake development with minimal disturbance and failure to ensure all ground disturbance is within the disturbance envelope.	Ensure activities remain within the approved areas and ensure protection of the environment.	\$44,312.00
Breach of multiple conditions relating to: project construction and operations not carried out in accordance with Mining Proposal and Mine Closure Plan. Unapproved expansion of the mine pit. Minimal disturbance to existing vegetation and landform. Lack of dust suppression methods and no progressive rehabilitation which is inconsistent with Mining Proposal.	Ensure that activities are undertaken in accordance with mining conditions and approved commitments.	\$28,582.00
Overflow of seepage facility resulting in death to surrounding native vegetation.	Ensure tailings infrastructure is appropriately designed, constructed, inspected and maintained to ensure protection of the environment.	\$19,652.00

Tenements Forfeited

Non-lodgement of Form 5	3
Non-payment of rent	7
Non-payment of penalties	10
Third Party Applications for Forfeitures	0
Failure to meet expenditure conditions	0
Late lodgement of Form 5	0
Late payment of rent	0
Late payment of royalties	0