

Regulatory Process for Potash Mines in Saskatchewan



Mineral Disposition and Exploration Phase



Environmental Assessment and Decision by Minister of Environment

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Permitting and Licensing Phase

Next
Steps

Provincial Approvals

Ministry of Environment

- Permit to Construct, Install, Alter, or Extend a Pollutant Control Facility
- Approval of Decommissioning Plan & Financial Assurance
- Permit to operate an Industrial Source (Air chapter) through a certified environmental protection plan
- Permit to Operate a Pollutant Control Facility
- Permit for Waterworks Intended for Human Consumption
- Permit for Sewage Works
- Permit to construct and operate hazardous substance storage facility

Water Security Agency

- Water Rights License
- Approval to Construct and Operate Surface/Groundwater Works (for the purpose of diverting or using water)
- Groundwater Investigation Permit
- Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit

Ministry of the Economy

- Disposal and Injection Well Licensing

Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure

- Provincial Highway Access Permits

Municipal Approvals

Road Use Agreements

Municipal Development Permit

Amendments to Zoning Bylaw (if required)

Monitoring and Reporting

- Proponent conducts mining and periodic monitoring and annual reporting throughout life of project
- Update Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan for approval every five years

Decommissioning and Reclamation

- Approval to Decommission and Reclaim a Pollutant Control Facility
- Site enters into 'transition phase monitoring'
- Approval of application for Release from Decommissioning and Reclamation Requirements