

# Regulatory Process for Potash Mines in Saskatchewan



## Mineral Disposition & Exploration Phase



## Environmental Assessment & Decision by Minister of Environment

## Permitting & 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 Energy and Resources

- 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 reporting throughout life of project
- update decommissioning and reclamation plan for approval every five years

## Decommissioning and Reclamation Phase

- approval to decommission and reclaim a pollutant control facility
- site enters into “transition phase monitoring”
- release from decommissioning and reclamation requirements (following the release the site can enter the provincial Institutional Control Program)