



## Surveyor General Branch

Beyond Boundaries

### NOTICE OF ADDENDUM

From: *Surveyor General of Canada Lands*

#### Addendum 1.10

Addendum to: *National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands (1.1)*

Object: *Chapter 13: Mineral Claim Surveys – Northwest Territories*

The following herein shall constitute an official amendment to the document it refers to.

#### DETAIL

**This Addendum is published to replace some parts of Sections 13.1, 13.2, 13.4 and 13.6:**

- Amending the title of the Chapter;
- amending paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of Section *13.1 Introduction*;
- amending paragraphs 6, 8, 12a., 15, and 22 of Section *13.2 Survey Methods*;
- amending paragraph 37b. of Section *13.4 Plan Preparation*;
- amending the specimen plan of Section *13.6 Specimen Plan*;

**of the *National Standards for the Survey of Canada Lands (1.1)*.**

These changes are necessary to take into account the creation of Chapter 15: Mineral Surveys - Nunavut.

## Chapter 13: MINERAL CLAIM SURVEYS – NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

### 13.1 Introduction

1. Legal Surveys are required to define boundaries of subsurface interest for lease purposes **in the Northwest Territories**.
2. Legal surveys may also be required to define the boundaries of dredging rights for lease purposes under the *Territorial Dredging Regulations*. Specific survey instructions are required for legal surveys under these Regulations.

On April 1, 2014, land and resource management responsibilities in the Northwest Territories were devolved to the Government of the Northwest Territories. The details of devolution are outlined in the '*Northwest Territories Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement*'. As outlined in this agreement, the government of the Northwest Territories assumed responsibility for the administration of mineral tenure in the Northwest Territories (Prior to April 1, 2014, the federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development was responsible for the administration of mineral tenure on behalf of the Government of Canada). Certain specific parcels of land were excluded from the devolution agreement and are listed in Schedule 4 of the Devolution Agreement - '*Inventory of Exclusions from Transfer of Administration and Control*'. The administration of mineral tenure on these lands was not transferred

to the Government of the Northwest Territories and remains under the administration and control of the Government of Canada.

Effective April 1, 2014, the federal *Northwest Territories and Nunavut Mining Regulations* was repealed and replaced with the new federal *Northwest Territories Mining Regulations* and the new federal *Nunavut Mining Regulations*. The new federal *Northwest Territories Mining Regulations* apply to mineral tenure on all lands in the Northwest Territories that are managed by the Government of Canada. These lands are generally the lands listed in Schedule 4 of the Devolution Agreement.

The new territorial *Northwest Territories Lands Act* (S.N.W.T. 2014, c.13) and the new territorial *Mining Regulations* (R-015-2014) came into force on April 1, 2014. All specific requirements for prospecting, the staking and recording of mineral claims are outlined in the new territorial *Mining Regulations* (R-015-2014). The territorial *Mining Regulations* (R-015-2014) apply to all lands where the land and resource management responsibilities have been devolved to the Government of the Northwest Territories. This makes up the majority of the lands in the Northwest Territories.

The new territorial *Mining Regulations* (R-015-2014,) substantially mirror the new federal *Northwest Territories Mining Regulations*. However, these new regulations do differ from the previous *Northwest Territories Mining Regulations*.

...

5. Chapter 13 of the National Standards uses the common term “staker” synonymously with the term “licensee” used in the current new *federal Northwest Territories Mining Regulations and the new territorial Mining Regulations* (R-015-2014).

## 13.2 Survey Methods

6. The following instructions apply to the survey of mineral claims staked between November 15, 1977 and March 31, 2014 under the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Mining Regulations and after March 31, 2014 *under the new federal Northwest Territories Mining Regulations and the new territorial Mining Regulations* (R-015-2014).

...

8. Chapters 1 to 5 of the National Standards apply to mineral claim surveys to the extent that their provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of Chapter 13.

...

12. The boundaries of a claim must be surveyed as straight lines joining the boundary posts placed by the licensee in staking the claim, provided that:
  - a. the boundary of the claim is not defined *by the natural boundary of a Land Claim parcel or a National Park*; and
  - b. the surveyor excludes from the claim any overlapping prior claim in good standing at the time of staking.
15. In cases where a *claim boundary has been located along the natural boundary of a Land Claim parcel or a National Park*, and the natural boundary is intended to be the boundary of the claim, only those boundary posts along the natural boundary that define intersections of the claim boundary with the natural boundary need be located, surveyed, and monumented. The natural boundary segment between these intersections must be either surveyed or mapped.

...

## **Monuments**

...

22. In cases such as those where boundary posts have been placed along the natural boundary of a Land Claim parcel or a National Park, monuments are not to be placed at those boundary posts marking the natural boundary except as specified above in paragraphs 15 and 21 (d).

...

## **13.4 Plan Preparation**

...

37. In addition to the information prescribed in Chapter 2, show:

...

- b. all legal and boundary posts and witness legal posts involved in the survey of the claim being surveyed, with bearings and distances sufficient to correlate these to the boundaries surveyed, and any legal or boundary posts that are now not on the boundary because the claim has been reduced in area pursuant to Section 52 of the *Northwest Territories Mining Regulations*;

...

## **13.6 Specimen Plan**

*Link:*

[#32 Plan of Survey of Mineral Claim in NT](#)

(<https://clss.nrcan-rncan.gc.ca/clss/surveystandards-normesdarpentage>)

---

This Addendum comes into force on January 01, 2021.

**(Original signed on January 21, 2021)**

---

Jean Gagnon, CLS  
Surveyor General of Canada Lands