

FEBRUARY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19

Dec 15: The GNWT released a [new report](#) analyzing the long-term social and psychological impact of public health measures put in place during the pandemic to minimize risks of COVID-19 infection, including with regard to mental health and addictions, alcohol-related harm and family violence.

Cold Stress

Dec 21: The Northwest Territories officially approved the [code of practice called Thermal Conditions](#) as meeting the cold stress requirements contained in the OHS regulations.

Action Point: Implement an effective [cold stress compliance game plan](#) at your workplace

Workers Comp

Feb 28: That's the deadline for Northwest Territories employers to submit their workers comp payroll reports and data for 2022 to WSCC without incurring 2% late fees, interest and penalties.

Workers Comp

Nov 17: The WSCC released its [2023-2027 Strategic Plan](#) outlining what it wants to accomplish over the next 5 years. One of the key objectives is to reduce lost-time injury claims rates (which was 1.8 in 2021) to 1.68 per 100 workers by 2027.

Workers Comp

Jan 1: The 2023 WSCC meal and accommodation allowances for injured workers who have to travel for medical treatment:

- Breakfast: \$25.55 (\$22.80 for Canada/US travel outside NWT)
- Lunch: \$31.00 (\$23.05)
- Dinner: \$66.35 (\$56.60)
- Incidentals: \$17.30 (\$17.30).

Environmental

Jan 4: [Comments](#) ended on [proposed changes](#) to the *Waste Reduction and Recovery Act*, including with regard to extended producer liability, disposal bans and penalties.