

JUNE 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Material Handling

Apr 6: Handling of loads accounted for more than 12% of all time loss injuries in Northwest Territories and Nunavut over the past 5 years. Among these, 40% were back injuries. With that in mind, the WSCC issued new guidance on the ergonomics of material handling.

Action Point: Use the resources on the OHSI Material Handling [Compliance Center](#) to prevent injuries at your workplace

Workers Comp

May 12: Comments ended on a trio of policies that the WSCC plans to take up at its Sept. 2023 governance meeting: i. Policy 01.01, Industry Classification; ii. Policy 01.02, Industry Re-Classification; and iii. Policy 03.11, Allowances and Services for Severely Injured Workers.

Environmental

May 5: The Northwest Territories Species At Risk Committee (SARC) reassessed Dolphin and Union caribou as an Endangered species, citing low population numbers and risks from climate change. Risks of extinction are significantly higher than they were a decade ago when the previous assessment was made, according to the SARC.