

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Aug 4: From now through Sept. 3, the GNWT will be holding [public consultations](#) on proposed changes to the *Disease Surveillance Regulations* that would update the list of reportable diseases, expand mandatory reporting of personal information for purposes of assessing risk of particular genetic diseases and create a new Chronic Disease Register.

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Infection Exposure Control Plan](#) template to prevent infectious illnesses at your workplace

Environmental

Aug 4: The GNWT launched [public engagement](#) on proposed changes to the Environmental Guideline for Contaminated Site Remediation. Among other things, the proposal establishes new territorial remediation criteria for groundwater, surface water and sediment quality. Deadline to [comment](#): August 31, 2023.

Environmental

Aug 21: Potentially significant [public consultations](#) closed on whether the Northwest Territories should change its 2030 Energy Strategy and Climate Change Strategic Framework designed to cut greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by 30% by 2030.

CASES

Working Alone: Inadequate Supervision Leads to Worker's Death, \$100,000 Fine

In December 2021, the sidewall of a water-filled gravel pit collapsed. An excavator slid into the pit and the worker operating the machine drowned. The employer, the economic development arm of the Liidlii kue First Nation, was fined \$100,000 and placed on 24 months' corporate probation after pleading guilty to 2 OHS violations, including failing to ensure the work was competently supervised and not taking reasonable measures to protect workers working at an isolated worksite [*Nogha Enterprises Ltd.*, [WSCC Press Release](#), June 30, 2023].

Action Point: Implement a [compliance game plan](#) to ensure the safety of workers who work alone