

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Industry Challenges

May 8: Marine Transportation Services (MTS) published the 2025 sailing season [cargo rates](#) for Northwest Territories. In addition to a 2.3 CPI inflation adjustment, the new rate structure has been simplified with the removal of category-specific rates. All cargo will now be billed under the general cargo rate, based on the actual size and weight of the shipment.

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Apr 22 The GNWT implemented new relief measures to prop up the struggling diamond mining sector, including doubling the number of local diamond valuations in 2025–2026, temporarily reducing the 2025 general mill rate for Class 4 – Minerals, and returning carbon tax contributions to Ekati and Gahcho Kué mines to support ongoing operational costs. Diamond mining makes up roughly 20% of the territories' GDP.

Drugs & Alcohol

Apr 23: The GNWT launched a new [web page](#) to inform and educate residents about illegal drug use in the Territories. Resources on the site include information on accessing Naloxone kits to save the lives of overdose victims and links to addiction support services.

Action Point: Find out [how to implement a workplace Naloxone Program to](#) save lives and prevent opioid overdose deaths at your site.