

# **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Industry Challenges**

Aug 15: In response to the Eagle Gold heap leach failure and other recent mining disasters, Yukon's Premier ordered senior government officials to explore ways to improve the territory's mining inspection, enforcement and monitoring system. The government will hold public consultations on how to make regulatory oversight of mining in Yukon more efficient, independent, and transparent.

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Aug 27: The Yukon WSCB published an independent engineer's preliminary <u>report</u> into the causes of the heap leach failure at Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold Mine in June 2024. The agency will analyze the findings and determine what mining regulatory changes are necessary to prevent future incidents.

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Sep 5: Municipalities in Yukon will receive a total of \$18.75 billion from the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) this year to finance local housing and strategic infrastructure construction projects in 19 different categories ranging from roadways to drinking water systems.

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Aug 21: The federal government approved an additional 67 allocations for the Yukon Nominee Program for 2025, bringing the total for the year to 282. In addition, Yukon can reissue 13 employer invitations to compensate for withdrawals from the first round of invitations.

**Action Point:** Find out <u>whether you must provide multilingual safety training</u> to your workers.

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Aug 14: Yukon extended the signing bonuses and exam fee reimbursement for nurses through to March 31, 2027, retroactive to April 1, 2025. New nurse practitioners and registered nurses will receive a signing bonus of \$7,500 and new licensed practical nurses will receive \$4,500, with a required 12-month service agreement. The government will recover the bonus on a prorated basis for each month that a nurse who doesn't put in the full 12 months fails to work.