



PLACER MINING

An Applicant's Guide to Applying to the Yukon Water Board

May 2009

Placer Mining –“includes every mode and method of working whereby earth, soil, gravel, or cement may be removed, washed, shifted, or refined or otherwise dealt with, for the purpose of obtaining gold or other precious minerals or stones, but does not include the working of rock on the site.”

–s.2.1, *Placer Mining Act*

One window approach to Water Licensing and Placer Land Use Approval for a Class 4 Operating Plan

The Yukon Water Board has been delegated the authority to approve Class 4 Mining Land Use Operating Plans for placer mining. The placer mining available from the Water Board Secretariat application package includes all necessary forms.

For all other Mining Land Use Operating Plan Approvals, contact Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Where can I find out if I need a water use licence?

To find out if your proposed operation requires a licence, you can refer to columns 3 and 4 of Schedule 6 in the *Waters Regulation*. If you are still not certain, you can contact the Client Services and Inspections office in your area of operation.

When is a water use licence not required for placer mining?

In some cases, a water use licence is not required. If your proposed operation meets the criteria set out column 2 of Schedule 6 in the *Waters Regulation*, notification is

required. Notification must be submitted to the Water Board by filling out a Schedule 3 Notification Form.

What kind of information does the Yukon Water Board require?

Information requirements are outlined in the Yukon Water Board's Placer Mining Information Sheets. To ensure you have a complete and up-to-date application package, you can:

- visit our office;
- download from our website (www.yukonwaterboard.ca);
- phone the Water Board Office to request a mailed copy;

Planning and Timelines

The length of time it takes to process and deliberate on an application is based on the responsiveness of the applicant to requests for information, the public notification process, the complexity of the project and the type of undertaking proposed.

While there are no guarantees, it is recommended that new water use licence applications should be submitted to the Water Board by the October prior to the

planned mining season, at a minimum.

Note that this does not take into consideration the timelines involved in the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB) process. It should be noted, however, that applications can be submitted to the Water Board at the same time as the YESAB.

Amendments and Renewals

An amendment means changes to the conditions of an existing water licence within the existing term (with no change in the expiry date).

A renewal applies where an existing Licensee requests a continuation (extension of term/new expiry date) of his/her existing water licence, with or without changes to the conditions of his/her existing licence.

Duration of Licences

The term of a water licence for placer mining varies based on what it proposed in the application. The Water Board will issue a licence for placer mining for maximum term of 10 years.



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Fees

Water Use Fees

-Water Use Licence \$30
(includes amendments, renewals,
cancellations, or assignments)

-Class 4 Mining Land Use
New/Renewal 1-5 yrs \$250
New/Renewal 5+ -10 yrs \$500
Amendment \$150
Assignment \$ 50

Water Licence Application Fees

Water Use Fees

Water-use fees vary, depending
on the quantity of water that is
required and are calculated
according to Section 8 of the
Waters Regulation. Water
Licensee's are billed annually in
advance for the water-use fees.

Making a Payment

The following forms of payment
are accepted: cash, debit card,
VISA, cheque, or money order
made payable to the Territorial
Treasurer. You may call the
Water Board Secretariat and make
a VISA payment by phone.

Annual Reporting Requirements

A typical condition of placer
licences is the requirement to
submit annual report.

Annual reports usually include the
following requirements:

- o the quantity of water used;

- o the quantity, concentration
and type of any Waste
deposited under this licence;
- o a description of the
reclamation that has taken
place;
- o a list of grant numbers of
claims where any
reclamation has taken place.

Checklist

- Confirm you need a licence;
- Determine if you need an
assessment under YESAA;
- Obtain and submit an
application package for
Water Use Licence and Class
4 Placer Mining Land Use.

Other Agencies

- Yukon Environmental and
Socio-Economic Board**
Toll Free 1.866.322.4040
www.yesab.ca
- Yukon Placer Secretariat**
867.393.7437
www.yukonplacerecretariat.ca
- Department of Fisheries and
Oceans**
867.393.6722
www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca
- Client Services and
Inspections**
*see you local listings for
contact information
<http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/csi>

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