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Release of *Manual 030: Rock-Hosted Mineral Exploration*

On February 28, 2024, the Alberta Energy Regulator became the life-cycle regulator for metallic and industrial minerals, with jurisdictional oversight of the *Metallic and Industrial Minerals Exploration Regulation*, which sets out the regulatory requirements for rock-hosted mineral exploration in Alberta. These include details regarding exempted operations, licences, permits, exploration approvals, assessments, and penalties.

Today, we released *Manual 030: Rock-Hosted Mineral Exploration*, which outlines processes and expected timelines for rock-hosted mineral exploration applications, including guidance for planning exploration programs and clarifying regulatory requirements under the *Public Lands Act*, the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, and the *Mines and Minerals Act*. This manual will help industry to submit technically complete rock-hosted mineral exploration applications.

Manual 030 is available on the [Manuals](#) landing page.

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