

Due Diligence Practices and Procedures with Respect to Indigenous Rights

NorthWest Copper is committed to working with Indigenous peoples and to seeking their Free, Prior and Informed Consent when undertaking mineral exploration activities.

Efforts are made to engage early in a manner that provides opportunities to discuss activities and ways to minimize and manage potential environmental and cultural impacts.

NorthWest Copper commonly circulates permit applications for proposed activities to First Nation leadership and their lands management teams prior to sending applications to government. This allows NorthWest Copper to address concerns and issues prior to it entering the regulatory referral process. By taking this approach, NorthWest Copper can identify management plan requirements, share employment opportunities, and discuss contracting with Indigenous lead businesses and partnerships.

For each of our project sites, NorthWest Copper works with First Nation leadership to establish exploration agreements that define the Indigenous communities' expectations with respect to environmental management, cultural protection, employment, contracting and engagement.

In 2022, NorthWest Copper will be looking to update our policies and procedures with respect to working with Indigenous and local communities of interest.