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**Oral Question 909-18(2) NWT Geological Survey Strategy**

Thank you for your questions on September 28, 2017 regarding the Northwest Territories Geological Survey Strategy (NTGS).

The NTGS Strategic Plan describes the scientific research and related goals of the NTGS and is not directly linked to the new *Mineral Resources Act* (MRA) that is currently being developed by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI).

Initial engagement sessions for the MRA were held in all regional centres during August and September 2017. Northwest Territories (NWT) residents can continue to ask questions and make their views known by:

- visiting the MRA website (<https://www.engage-iti.ca/MRA>);
- emailing to [EngageMRA@gov.nt.ca](mailto:EngageMRA@gov.nt.ca);
- phoning 867-767-9210, extension 63464; or
- writing to the Mining Recorder's Office, Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, PO Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9.

At a later time, a visit to one or more Sahtu communities, including Tulita during the consultation period for the draft legislation may be possible.

Mineral-related conferences such as the Yellowknife Geoscience Forum and the upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> International Kimberlite Conference, which is being held in 2021, attract from 500 to 800 participants, many from outside the NWT. Yellowknife is currently the only NWT community that can meet the many needs of a business conference of this size.

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Thank you for your interest in this matter. I trust this information addresses your questions.

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