

Industry Tip

Saskatchewan Geoscience Data Management project - FAQ

Date	Reference	Notes
September 1, 2023	Saskatchewan Geological Survey	Initial Release

The purpose of this Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is to assist users to find answers to their questions about changes related to the Saskatchewan Geoscience Data Management Project.

Question	Answer
<i>Will access to geoscience information be disrupted during the project?</i>	Platforms used by the public and industry stakeholders to access geoscience information, such as Saskatchewan's GeoAtlas , Mineral Assessment Database , Mineral Deposit Index , and geoscience publications will remain accessible during the Project.
<i>Will assessment file submission be affected during the development process?</i>	Perhaps. We will announce updates regarding mineral assessment submissions on this web page as necessary (see Mineral Assessment Submission and Review).
<i>Were industry stakeholders engaged before the project commenced?</i>	Yes. Stakeholders were asked to complete a survey that has helped to guide the strategy for the project (see Stakeholder Engagement Survey). The project was also discussed at the 2022 Saskatchewan Geological Open House, both during the general session and at an open information session.
<i>Will the project make structured geoscience data more common and easily accessible?</i>	Yes. Currently, data sets (e.g., geochemistry) are distributed through the GeoAtlas, mineral assessment files and/or SGS publications, commonly with varying formats. Upon completion of the project, users will be able to extract large batches of structured data from a single interface, regardless of the original source.

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<i>How will I be able to retrieve information once the project is complete?</i>	Users will be able to make data selections using map-based or form-based querying tools.
<i>Will there be changes to the way SGS receives mineral assessment submissions?</i>	Yes. Currently, files are delivered to SGS for review by physical mail or in person. After the project is completed, files will be submitted via a secure, online user interface.
<i>Will there be changes to the structure of mineral assessment submissions?</i>	A change to the format of assessment reports is likely. This includes how parts of the report are submitted and the types of files that will be accepted. Certain information will be standardized so that it can be integrated directly into existing SGS data tables. Templates will be developed for these types of information. SGS also anticipates using standardized file types for other information.
<i>Will industry users be able to test the system and provide feedback about the submission process during the project?</i>	Yes. User training opportunities for new user processes and interfaces will be available during the development process. More information on this testing will be provided in the future.

Additional References:

Saskatchewan Geological Survey website – [Saskatchewan Geoscience Data Management Project](#)
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