Mineral Right Website

What's new - ARCHIVE

November 16, 2021: MRT in IRIS

IMPORTANT: Security Administrator (SA) application forms were sent to Agricultural and Trust Corporations in early November 2021. This form is being redesigned for Mineral Rights Tax clients. Please refrain from completing the SA application until the new form has been published on Saskatchewan.ca and, wherever possible, use the new electronic form to submit the application. When the new SA application form is available, this website will be updated.

If you have already submitted the SA application form, it will be processed in due time. Please expect a delay of three to four weeks for processing. You will be contacted once the process has been completed.

November 2021: MRT in IRIS

MRT in IRIS is well underway. Development is underway and things are looking good for the release in early 2022.

Letters were recently mailed to Agricultural Corporations with existing Agricultural Corporation Exemptions and to all Trust Corporations licenced under *The Trust and Loan Corporations Act,* 1997. Both letters are to let corporations know that the process for obtaining Mineral Rights Tax exemption is changing:

- All applications must be submitted through IRIS after the system is operational in early 2022.
- To apply for an exemption in IRIS, you must have an IRIS user account. To get an IRIS user account, someone from the corporation must first apply for, and receive, an IRIS Security Administrator (SA) Account. To apply for an SA Account, please follow the How IRIS website.

The Agricultural Corporation letter (link below) was only sent to corporations who have an existing exemption. If you think your corporation qualifies for an Agricultural Corporation Exemption, please review *The Mineral Taxation Act*, and its related items. Links to these documents are provided in the Acts and Regulations Changes section.

The Trust Corporation letter (link below) was sent to all Trust Corporations licenced under *The Trust and Loan Corporation Act, 1997* in an effort to reach all Trust Corporations who could hold mineral titles in Saskatchewan on behalf of individuals. The information in the letter is not applicable if your Trust Corporation does not hold these mineral titles.

The MRT Question and Answer document has been updated with information related to the MRT in IRIS initiative. The questions have been grouped into General, Agricultural Corporation and Trust Corporation sections.

Additional Information – What's New Archive

- Agricultural Corporation letter
- Trust Corporation letter
- MRT Questions and Answers General Questions
- MRT Questions and Answers Agricultural Corporation Questions
- MRT Questions and Answers Trust Corporation Questions.

September 2021: MRT in IRIS

As announced on the 2021 Mineral Rights Tax (MRT) Invoice, the MRT program will be moving to the Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS) for the 2022 taxation year. The Ministry of Energy and Resources (ER) is pleased to inform you that progress on this move is being made. The changes associated with the move will provide self-service functionality for all MRT clients, including online Agricultural and Trust Corporation exemption applications and downloadable list of MRT assessed mineral titles. The upcoming changes and transition into IRIS will automate and advance the existing business processes and eliminate the paper applications related to MRT exemptions. There are no changes to the existing MRT program with respect to tax rate or exemptions, other than the use of hectares instead of acres in taxable area calculations.

All MRT Clients:

- Self Service functionality will be available to all MRT clients through IRIS. See the General Announcement for more information on the changes and benefits resulting from the transition to IRIS.
- MRT clients who have never worked in IRIS before are welcome to explore the IRIS
 website, which contains information on the activities that can currently be completed in
 IRIS as well as the prerequisites required to complete these tasks.
- Detailed instructions on how to access MRT functionality in IRIS will be provided closer to the expected go-live date of January 31, 2022.
- MRT information is not currently available on IRIS.

Agricultural Corporation Clients:

- Online Agricultural Corporation Exemption applications will be required for the 2022 taxation year. See the Agricultural Corporation Announcement for more information.
- New Agricultural Corporation Exemption applications or applications for an Agricultural Corporation Exemption that expire in 2021 will need to be made through IRIS after the expected go live date of January 31, 2022.
- Existing Agricultural Corporation Exemptions that do not expire until 2022 or 2023 remain in effect.

Trust Corporation Clients:

- Online Trust Corporation Exemption applications will be required for each taxation year beginning with the 2022 taxation year. See the Trust Corporation Announcement for more information.
- Specific information on each trust beneficiary will be required as part of the Trust Corporation Exemption application. ER has not previously required the address for each trust beneficiary.

For any questions or concerns please contact us.

Additional Information

- MRT in IRIS General Announcement
- MRT in IRIS Agricultural Corporation Announcement
- MRT in IRIS Trust Corporation Announcement

May 2021: Project Announcement: New Mineral Rights Tax electronic system being developed!

The Ministry of Energy and Resources has initiated a project to replace its aging Mineral Rights Tax (MRT) data management system.

The MRT will be moving to the online Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS) in 2022. This move will allow for tax assessment based on mineral title holder information direct from Information Services Corporation (ISC). Other new features for clients are expected to include:

- Self-service functionality for taxpayers to access their MRT and to apply for tax exemptions.
- Invoices accessible through IRIS in a downloadable format and to reconcile MRT against mineral titles owned.
- Automation of eligibility criteria for exemption applications (e.g. agricultural and trust corporation exemptions) through IRIS and improve ministry response times.

Check back often as information will be updated as it becomes available. If you have questions about the new MRT electronic system, contact Donna Wilson at 306-798-2133 or donna.wilson@gov.sk.ca. For all other questions, please contact the ER Service Desk.

April 10, 2021: Project Implementation - Automated Land Checks

The Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS) is now able to complete and provide immediate mineral ownership and potential restriction information to tenure applicants during the application phase of Oil and Gas Public Offerings and other non-advertised dispositions. Mineral ownership and restriction information is also available using the Ad Hoc Land Check

Review found in the Infrastructure section of IRIS without going through the application process.