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2017 Biennial Industrial Water Survey: Mineral Extraction Industries

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Introduction

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Statistics Canada conducts this survey every two years to collect detailed information on water use by manufacturing, mining, and electrical power generating industries in Canada. The survey collects information on who uses water, how much, where and at what cost. These data will be used to develop environmental accounts and indicators.

The survey will ask about the following for your operation and/or facility:

- the sources of water
- the treatment of water before it's used
- the initial uses of water
- the recirculation and reuse of water
- the treatment of water before it's discharged
- the ultimate points of water discharge
- the monthly breakdown of water intake and discharge
- the costs of acquiring water, maintaining and operating the water systems, and discharging water.

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Reporting instructions

- Please provide your best estimate when exact figures are not available.
- Please enter "0" in the corresponding box if the water volume is zero.

Business or organization and contact information

1. Please **provide** the business or organization's **legal and operating name**.

Legal name

Operating name (if applicable)

2. Please **provide the contact information** of the designated business or organization **contact person** for this questionnaire.

Note: The designated contact person is the person who should receive this questionnaire.
The designated contact person may not always be the one who actually completes the questionnaire.

First name

Last name

Title

Preferred language of communication

English French

Mailing address (number and street)

City

Province, territory or state

Postal code or ZIP code
Example: A9A 9A9 or 12345-1234

Country

Email address
Example: user@example.gov.ca

Telephone number (including area code)
Example: 123-123-1234

Extension number
(if applicable)

Fax number (including area code)
Example: 123-123-1234

3. Please **provide the current operational status** of the business or organization identified by the legal and operating name.

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1 ○ Operational ➔ **Go to question 4**

2 ○ Not currently operational

e.g., temporarily or permanently closed, change of ownership

Why is this business or organization not currently operational?

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2 ○ Seasonal operations ➔ **Go to question 3a.**

3 ○ Ceased operations ➔ **Go to question 3b.**

4 ○ Sold operations ➔ **Go to question 3c.**

5 ○ Amalgamated with other businesses or organizations ➔ **Go to question 3d.**

6 ○ Temporarily inactive but will re-open ➔ **Go to question 3e.**

7 ○ No longer operating due to other reasons ➔ **Go to question 3f.**

3a. Seasonal operations

When did this business or organization close for the season?

Date B00217 YYYY MM DD

When does this business or organization expect to resume operations?

Date B00218 YYYY MM DD

➔ **Go to question 4**

3b. Ceased operations

When did this business or organization cease operations?

Date B00211 YYYY MM DD

Why did this business or organization cease operations?

B00311

1 ○ Bankruptcy

2 ○ Liquidation

3 ○ Dissolution

4 ○ Other

Specify the other reasons for ceased operations

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➔ **Go to question 4**

3c. Sold operations

When was this business or organization sold?

B00212

Date YYYY MM DD

What is the legal name of the buyer?

B00406

➔ **Go to question 4**

3d. Amalgamated with other businesses or organizations

When did this business or organization amalgamate?

B00213

Date YYYY MM DD

What is the legal name of the resulting or continuing business or organization?

B00407

What are the legal names of the other amalgamated businesses or organizations?

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➔ **Go to question 4**

3e. Temporarily inactive but will re-open

When did this business or organization become temporarily inactive?

B00214

Date YYYY MM DD

When does this business or organization expect to resume operations?

B00215

Date YYYY MM DD

Why is this business or organization temporarily inactive?

B00313

➔ **Go to question 4**

3f. No longer operating due to other reasons

When did this business or organization cease operations?

B00216

Date YYYY MM DD

Why did this business or organization cease operations?

B00314

4. Please **verify or provide the current main activity** of the business or organization identified by the legal and operating name.
Note: The described activity was assigned using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

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1 ○ This is the current main activity. ➔ **Go to next section**

2 ○ This **is not** the current main activity.
Please provide a **brief but precise description** of this business or organization's **main activity**.
e.g., breakfast cereal manufacturing, shoe store, software development

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5. Was this business or organization's main activity ever classified as:

B05111

1 ○ **Yes**

2 ○ **No** ➔ **Go to next section**

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6. When did the main activity change?

B00219 Date YYYY MM DD

General information

1. Was this operation **in operation at least one day** during the **2017** calendar year?

In operation **includes** operations that are temporarily closed but there was some form of water use **e.g.**, water for sanitary services like toilets and janitorial services, water use for cooling, condensing and steam or process water.

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1 ○ Yes

Which **months** was this operation **operational?**

Select all that apply.

B00336_tp13
☐ All months

OR

B00336_tp1 ☐ January	B00336_tp5 ☐ May	B00336_tp9 ☐ September
B00336_tp2 ☐ February	B00336_tp6 ☐ June	B00336_tp10 ☐ October
B00336_tp3 ☐ March	B00336_tp7 ☐ July	B00336_tp11 ☐ November
B00336_tp4 ☐ April	B00336_tp8 ☐ August	B00336_tp12 ☐ December

2 ○ No

2. Was the operation **specified below located in** during the **2017** calendar year?

If the operation was situated in more than one location during 2017 please **report** the province or territory for the **last location** of the operation in the 2017 calendar year.

This information is being confirmed to ensure the reported figures contribute to the correct provincial or territorial estimates.

B00122

1 ○ Yes

2 ○ No

In which **province or territory** was the operation **last located?**

Select all that apply.

B50039

01 ☐ Newfoundland and Labrador	06 ☐ Ontario	11 ☐ Yukon
02 ☐ Prince Edward Island	07 ☐ Manitoba	12 ☐ Northwest Territories
03 ☐ Nova Scotia	08 ☐ Saskatchewan	13 ☐ Nunavut
04 ☐ New Brunswick	09 ☐ Alberta	
05 ☐ Quebec	10 ☐ British Columbia	

3. In **2017**, what was the **average number of people** working on the premises of this operation in full-time equivalents (FTE)?

Include permanent, contract and casual employees that work on the premises.

Employment may be full-time or part-time, FTE converts part-time jobs to full-time jobs based on the hours worked. For example, if out of four employees employed at your operation one works full-time and the remaining three work the equivalent of half of a full time job, then FTE employment = 1+ ½ + ½ + ½ = 2.5.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

B00337 Number of people ☐☐☐☐.☐

4. How many **days** did this operation **operate** in **2017**?

In operation **includes** operations that are temporarily closed but there was some form of water use **e.g.**, water for sanitary services like toilets and janitorial services, water use for cooling, condensing and steam or process water.

Days refers to calendar days.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

B00338 Days ☐☐☐.☐

5. How many **weeks** did this operation **operate** in **2017**?

In operation **includes** operations that are temporarily closed but there was some form of water use **e.g.**, water for sanitary services like toilets and janitorial services, water use for cooling, condensing and steam or process water.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

B00339 Weeks ☐☐

6. On average, how many **days per week** did this operation **operate** in **2017**?

Days refers to calendar days.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

00340 Days per week ☐.☐

7. On average, how many **hours** did this operation **operate** in a day in **2017**?

Days refers to calendar days.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

B00342 Hours ☐☐.☐

Unit of measure

If you select a multiple of a unit of measure as your reporting unit, please take care to enter the correct decimal values or number of zeros when reporting water volumes in this questionnaire. **For example**, if thousands of imperial gallons is specified as the unit of measure, note that a reported quantity of 3.5 = 3,500 (3.5 thousand) imperial gallons, whereas a reported quantity of 3,500 = 3,500,000 (3.5 million) imperial gallons.

Please select only one unit of measure.

8. What **unit of measure** will be used to report **water volumes** throughout this questionnaire?

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1 ○ Cubic metres, or a multiple of cubic metres

↳ Select the multiple of **cubic metres** you will use to report water volumes throughout this questionnaire.

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a. ○ Cubic metres (m^3)
b. ○ Tens of cubic metres (10 m^3)
c. ○ Hundreds of cubic metres (100 m^3)
d. ○ Thousands of cubic metres (1,000 m^3)
e. ○ Millions of cubic metres (1,000,000 m^3)

2 ○ Litres, or a multiple of litres

↳ Select the multiple of **litres** you will use to report water volumes throughout this questionnaire.

B00522_md2

a. ○ Litres (L)
b. ○ Hundreds of litres (10 L)
c. ○ Thousands of litres (1,000 L)
d. ○ Millions of litres (1,000,000 L)
e. ○ Hectolitres (hL)
f. ○ Kilolitres (kL)
g. ○ Megalitres (ML)

3 ○ Imperial gallons, or a multiple of imperial gallons

↳ Select the multiple of **imperial gallons** you will use to report water volumes throughout this questionnaire.

B00522_md3

a. ○ Imperial gallons (imp. gal.)
b. ○ Hundreds of imperial gallons (100 imp. gal.)
c. ○ Thousands of imperial gallons (1,000 imp. gal.)
d. ○ Millions of imperial gallons (1,000,000 imp. gal.)

4 ○ US gallons, or a multiple of US gallons

↳ Select the multiple of **US gallons** you will use to report water volumes throughout this questionnaire.

B00522_md4

a. ○ US gallons (US gal.)
b. ○ Hundreds of US gallons (100 US gal.)
c. ○ Thousands of US gallons (1,000 US gal.)
d. ○ Millions of US gallons (1,000,000 US gal.)

5 ○ Cubic feet, or a multiple of cubic feet

↳ Select the multiple of **cubic feet** you will use to report water volumes throughout this questionnaire.

B00522_md5

a. ○ Cubic feet (cu. ft.)
b. ○ Tens of cubic feet (10 cu. ft.)
c. ○ Hundreds of cubic feet (100 cu. ft.)

Water intake by source and type

9. Please report the **volume of intake water** for the following types and sources.

If the water volume is zero, please enter "0" in the corresponding box.
When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	2017 volume of intake water
▶ **Freshwater** For the purpose of this survey, freshwater contains an average of 900 parts per million (ppm) or less of total dissolved solids.	
a. Public utility **i.e.**, a municipal or city system of drawing, treating and distributing water	E79007_y1_sc1
b. Self-supplied surface water system **i.e.**, lake, river	E79007_y1_sc2
c. Self-supplied groundwater system **i.e.**, well, springs	E79007_y1_sc3
d. Other freshwater sources **e.g.**, delivery of water from a private supplier, an adjacent industry, rain water, run-off water **Exclude** bottled water intended for personal consumption.	E79007_y1_sc90
Subtotal volume of freshwater intake in 2017	E79007_y1_sc100
▶ **Saline or brackish water** For the purpose of this survey, saline or brackish water contains on average of 900 parts per million (ppm) or less of total dissolved solids.	
a. Self-supplied groundwater system **i.e.**, well, spring	E79007_y2_sc3
b. Self-supplied tide water (salt water) body **i.e.**, estuary, bay, ocean	E79007_y2_sc4
c. Other saline or brackish water sources **e.g.**, delivery of water from a private supplier, an adjacent industry	E79007_y2_sc90
Subtotal volume of saline or brackish water intake in 2017	E79007_y2_sc100
Total volume of intake water in 2017	E79007_y100_sc100

Treatment of intake water

10. Please report the volume of **intake water treated** within this operation **prior to initial use** for the following methods of treatment.

Exclude the treatment of used water, waste water or effluent. If a given volume of water undergoes more than one treatment, please **report** the volume of water for each type of treatment.

If the water volume is zero, please enter "0" in the corresponding box.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	2017 volume of intake water treated
a. Screening The removal of larger pieces of solid matter from water using a screen barrier. **Includes** the bulk screening of intake water at the source.	E79008_m1
b. Filtration The removal of smaller pieces of solid matter from water using a filter barrier.	E79008_m2
c. Chlorination — disinfection The addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to water.	E79008_m3
d. Corrosion and slime control **Includes** the control of scale, corrosion, biological growth and sludge.	E79008_m4
e. Alkalinity control The chemical treatment of water to attain required pH level.	E79008_m5
f. Hardness or water softening The removal of calcium and magnesium from water to reduce hardness.	E79008_m6
g. Coagulation or flocculation The absorption of particles in order to easily remove them from water.	E79008_m7
h. Other category of treatment — Item 1 Other treatments **include** electrolysis, de-salination, etc. E79007	E79008_m91
i. Other category of treatment — Item 2 Other treatments **include** electrolysis, de-salination, etc. E79007	E79008_m92
j. Other category of treatment — Item 3 Other treatments **include** electrolysis, de-salination, etc. E79007	E79008_m93

Water intake by initial use

11. Please report the **volumes of intake water by initial use.**

Exclude recirculated or reused water, **i.e.**, water that **leaves** a particular sub-system and **re-enters** it or is **used in another** sub-system.

If the water volume is zero, please enter "0" in the corresponding box.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	2017 volume of intake water by use
a. Process water **i.e.**, water that serves in any level of the mining process **Include** water which: • comes in direct contact with products and/or materials • is used in the sanitation of process equipment • is consumed in milling and special processes • is included in final output • has been used for another purpose, and is undergoing its final use as process water.	E79009_dt1
b. Cooling, condensing and steam **i.e.**, water which does not come in direct contact with the products, materials or by-products of the processing operation **Include**: • pass-through water used in the operation of cooling or process equipment (including air conditioning) • water introduced into boilers for the production of steam for either process operations or electric power.	E79009_dt2
c. Sanitary service or domestic use **i.e.**, water used for toilets, janitorial services, lawn watering, washing vehicles	E79009_dt4
d. Other purpose or use — Item 1 **Exclude** water pumped by the operation and intended for initial use outside the operation	E79009_dt91
e. Other purpose or use — Item 2 **Exclude** water pumped by the operation and intended for initial use outside the operation	E79009_dt92
f. Other purpose or use — Item 3 **Exclude** water pumped by the operation and intended for initial use outside the operation	E79009_dt93
Total volume of intake water by initial use in 2017 The sum of the intake water should equal the amount reported at question 9.	E79009_dt100

12. Of the total volume **of intake water for process** in **2017**, what volume of water was consumed or lost? . . . . . E61333_dt1

13. Of the total volume **of intake water for cooling, condensing or steam production** in **2017**, what volume of water was consumed or lost? . . . . . E61333_dt2

14. Of the total volume **water taken in by this operation** in **2017**, what volume of intake water was used as injected water or steam in the secondary recovery of oil or natural gas? . . . . . E61333_dt8

Water recirculation or reuse by purpose

15. Please report the **volumes of water recirculated or reused** by purpose. Every time a volume of water is recirculated or reused it should be counted.

Recirculated or reused water refers to water **used more than once** in your operation. It is water that **leaves** a sub-system and is then recirculated or reused in the same sub-system, or **used in a different** sub-system. It does not refer to water that circulates many times within the same sub-system **i.e.**, it **excludes** closed-loop systems.

If the water volume is zero, please enter "0" in the corresponding box.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	2017 volume of water recirculated or reused
a. Process water **i.e.**, water that serves in any level of the mining process **Include** water which: • comes in direct contact with products and/or materials • is used in the sanitation of process equipment • is consumed in milling and special processes • is included in final output • has been used for another purpose, and is undergoing its final use as process water.	E79011_dt1
b. Cooling, condensing and steam **i.e.**, water which does not come in direct contact with the products, materials or by-products of the processing operation **Include**: • pass-through water used in the operation of cooling or process equipment (including air conditioning) • water introduced into boilers for the production of steam for either process operations or electric power.	E79011_dt2
c. Other purpose or use	E79011_dt90
Total volume of water recirculated or reused in 2017	E79011_dt100

16. Does this operation have a **tailings pond**?

A tailings pond is an excavated pit that forms an open laggoon where liquid effluent or wastewater from the processing of ore is held.

B05225_dt6

1 ○ Yes

↳ Please report the **volume of water recirculated or reused** from tailings pond in **2017**.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

E79011_dt6

Volume

2 ○ No

17. Does this operation **inject water into an oil bearing formation**?

For this survey, "oil bearing formation" refers to a geological formation that produces or contains oil.

B05225_dt5

1 ○ Yes

↳ Please report the **volume of water injected** in **2017**.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

E79011_dt5

Volume

2 ○ No

Treatment of discharge water

18. Please report the volumes of water according to their **final point of discharge** and **most advanced treatment** process used at this operation.

For water that is subjected to more than one type (primary, secondary or tertiary) of treatment in preparation for discharge, please report those volumes only at the most advanced treatment process that is applied; in other words, please do not double-report treated water volumes.

Treatment type:

- **no treatment**: the water that is discharged without treatment after use
- **primary / mechanical treatment**: the physical removal of large suspended, floating and precipitated solids from untreated wastewater using grates, screens and/or settling tanks
- **secondary / biological treatment**: the removal or reduction of effluent contaminants from primary wastewater treatment through the promotion of bacterial growth and other microbes that break down organic waste
- **tertiary / advanced treatment**: advanced cleaning of wastewater that goes beyond the secondary or biological stage, removing nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrogen, and most BOD and suspended solids through biological or chemical processes.

If the water volume is zero, please enter "0" in the corresponding box.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	No treatment	Primary or mechanical	Secondary or biological	Tertiary or advanced
a. Public sewage system	E79012_m8_sc1	E79012_m9_sc1	E79012_m10_sc1	E79012_m11_sc1
b. Surface freshwater bodies	E79012_m8_sc5	E79012_m9_sc5	E79012_m10_sc5	E79012_m11_sc5
c. Tide water (ocean)	E79012_m8_sc4	E79012_m9_sc4	E79012_m10_sc4	E79012_m11_sc4
d. Groundwater	E79012_m8_sc3	E79012_m9_3	E79012_m10_sc3	E79012_m11_sc3
e. Tailings pond	E79012_m8_sc6	E79012_m9_sc6	E79012_m10_sc6	E79012_m11_sc6
f. Injecting to producing formations	E79012_m8_sc7	E79012_m9_sc7	E79012_m10_sc7	E79012_m11_sc7
g. Other point of discharge	E79012_m8_sc90	E79012_m9_sc90	E79012_m10_sc90	E79012_m11_sc90
Subtotal volume of discharge water	E79012_m8_sc100	E79012_m9_sc100	E79012_m10_sc100	E79012_m11_sc100
Total volume of discharge water in 2017				E79012_m100_sc100

Monthly water intake and discharge

19. In **2017**, what was the monthly water intake and discharge for this operation?

If the water volume is zero, please enter "0" in the corresponding box.
When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	Volume of water intake	Volume of water discharge
a. January	E79007_tp1	E79012_tp1
b. February	E79007_tp2	E79012_tp2
c. March	E79007_tp3	E79012_tp3
d. April	E79007_tp4	E79012_tp4
e. May	E79007_tp5	E79012_tp5
f. June	E79007_tp6	E79012_tp6
g. July	E79007_tp7	E79012_tp7
h. August	E79007_tp8	E79012_tp8
i. September	E79007_tp9	E79012_tp9
j. October	E79007_tp10	E79012_tp10
k. November	E79007_tp11	E79012_tp11
l. December	E79007_tp12	E79012__tp12
Total volume in 2017	E79007_tp100	E79012_tp100

20. Of the total volume of **water discharged** by this operation in **2017**, what volume originated as **mine water** (water that was pumped from the mine to allow operations to continue)?

Mine water can come from more than one source **e.g.**, rain and storm run-off, ground water.
When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

E79013

Volume

Water acquisition costs

21. Please report this operation's **2017** water acquisition costs.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	2017 cost in CAN$
a. Payment to public utility **Report** cost for water volume reported at question 11. If possible, **include** only the portion paid for water and **exclude** sewer charges.	F62551_sr1 $ .00
b. Annual intake licences, permits and royalties Please **report** the annual cost of intake licences, permits and royalties. If not purchased annually, please provide the pro-rated cost.	F62551_sr2 $ .00
c. Payment for purchase of water from another operator and/or industrial supplier	F62551_sr3 $ .00

22. Does the payment to a public utility reported at question 16 include a **sewer surcharge**?

If no **sewer surcharge** was reported please select "Not applicable".

Sewer surcharge refers to the payment to a public utility for the ongoing maintenance and operation of sewer infrastructure and the treatment and discharge of water to a public sewage system.

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1 ○ Yes
2 ○ No
3 ○ Not applicable

Water operating and maintenance costs

23. Please report the total **2017** operating and maintenance cost for this operation's water systems.

Include the material, labour and energy costs incurred to operate and maintain your water systems.

Consider the systems at your operation which:

- **bring** in water
- **treat intake** water
- **recirculate and reuse** water
- **treat discharge** water.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

Total cost in CAN$	F61083_v100 $ .00

24. Of the reported costs at question 23, what were the **2017 operating and maintenance costs** for the following water systems?

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

	2017 cost in CAN$
a. Intake water acquisition **Include** the material, labour and energy costs incurred to operate and maintain the systems that bring water into your operation.	F61083_v1 $ .00
b. Intake water treatment **Include** the material, labour and energy costs incurred to operate and maintain the systems to treat water brought into your operation.	F61083_v2 $ .00
c. Water recirculation and reuse **Include** the material, labour and energy costs incurred to operate and maintain the systems to recirculate and reuse water in your operation.	F61083_v3 $ .00
d. Discharge water treatment **Include** the material, labour and energy costs incurred to operate and maintain the systems to treat water discharge by your operation.	F61083_v4 $ .00
Total operating and maintenance costs in 2017	F61083_v100PF1 $ .00

Other details

25. In **2017**, what were this operation's **capital expenditures** on water intake, discharge or treatment facilities?

Include all relevant outlays for machinery and equipment purchases, and their installation, as well as for construction related to water intake, discharge and treatment **i.e.**, called capital outlay or capital expense.

Exclude operating and maintenance costs.

For example, the most common capital expenditures **include**:

- purchase and/or installation of new equipment
- purchase of new machinery or transportation equipment
- creation of new well or ground water installation.

When exact figures are not available, please provide your best estimate.

Capital expenditures in CAN$	F80134 $ .00

Changes or events

26. Please provide a **brief, precise description** of any changes or events that affected the reported water or cost values for this operation, compared with the last reporting period.

e.g., expansion, temporary shutdown, closures, changes to water monitoring or the production process

Describe these changes or events

Contact person

27. Statistics Canada may need to contact the person who completed this questionnaire for further information.

If the contact person is the same as on cover page, please check ○ ➔ **Go to "Feedback"**

Otherwise, who is the best person to contact about this questionnaire?

First name

Last name

Title

Email address (example: user@example.gov.ca)

Telephone number (including area code)
Example: 123-123-1234

Extension number
(if applicable)

Fax number (including area code)
Example: 123-123-1234

Feedback

28. How long did it take to complete this questionnaire?
Include the time spent gathering the necessary information . . . . . Hours Minutes

29. We invite your comments about this questionnaire.

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General Information

Confidentiality

Your answers are confidential.
Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from releasing any information it collects which could identify any person, business, or organization, unless consent has been given by the respondent or as permitted by the *Statistics Act*. Statistics Canada will use the information from this survey for statistical purposes.

Data-sharing agreements

To reduce respondent burden, Statistics Canada has entered into data sharing agreements with provincial and territorial statistical agencies and other government organizations, which have agreed to keep the data confidential and use them only for statistical purposes. Statistics Canada will only share data from this survey with those organizations that have demonstrated a requirement to use the data.

Section 11 of the *Statistics Act* provides for the sharing of information with provincial and territorial statistical agencies that meet certain conditions. These agencies must have the legislative authority to collect the same information, on a mandatory basis, and the legislation must provide substantially the same provisions for confidentiality and penalties for disclosure of confidential information as the *Statistics Act*. Because these agencies have the legal authority to compel businesses to provide the same information, consent is not requested and businesses may not object to the sharing of the data.

For this survey, there are **Section 11** agreements with the provincial and territorial statistical agencies of Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon. The shared data will be limited to information pertaining to business establishments located within the jurisdiction of the respective province or territory.

Section 12 of the *Statistics Act* provides for the sharing of information with federal, provincial or territorial government organizations.

Under **Section 12**, you may refuse to share your information with any of these organizations by writing a letter of objection to the Chief Statistician, specifying the organizations with which you do not want Statistics Canada to share your data and mailing it to the following address:

Chief Statistician of Canada
Statistics Canada
Attention of Director, Enterprise Statistics Division
150 Tunney's Pasture Driveway
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0T6.

You may also contact us by email at statcan.esd-helpdesk-dse-bureaudedepannage.statcan@canada.ca or by fax at 613-951-6583.

For this survey, there are **Section 12** agreements with the statistical agencies of Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut as well as with Environment Canada.

For agreements with provincial and territorial government organizations, the shared data will be limited to information pertaining to business establishments located within the jurisdiction of the respective province or territory.

Record linkages

To enhance the data from this survey and to minimize the reporting burden, Statistics Canada may combine it with information from other surveys or from administrative sources.

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