



Permitting procedures regarding exploration permits & work plans

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Exploration operations are regulated in the Minerals Act by 2 processes:

1. Application & granting of exploration permits...
2. ...the work plan procedure



Exploration permit

- Anyone can apply, companies or individuals
- Requirements – **Reason** – **Intention** – **Possibility** – **Suitability**
- The area is defined by the applicant (some limits)
- No examination of conflicting interests
- The holder has the **exclusive right to explore** for minerals in the area and the **preferential right to exploit** any deposit that is found



Exploration work

Before exploration work can begin you need

- A **valid work plan**. The plan must **be served** to land owners and holders of special rights and **no objections** have been raised against it, or if objections have been raised, the plan has been approved by the Chief Mining Inspector (after application).
- **Permissions** according to the **Environmental Code** or **other legislations**, if needed. An exploration permit is not an exception from other laws.
- In **certain areas**, e.g. in some of the mountain areas, within 200 meters from a dwelling, assembly building or school or within 30 meters from a public road or railway, a **special admission** is needed from the County administrative board or the Chief Mining Inspector.

No exploration work is permitted in National Parks



Valid work plan – today (Ch 3 § 5 MA)

- Description of planned exploration work
- Timetable
- A consideration of how public interests and private rights will be affected



Exploration work according to the Environmental Code

- An exploration permit is not an exception from other legislation
- There are few rules that applies for exploration work in general
- If permissions or other procedures are needed depends of what kind of work that is planned, and in what kind of area it is to be performed.

Examples;

- Transports with motor vehicles on bare ground needs an exemption from the County administrative board
- Regulations for protected areas, e.g. about felling trees or damaging the ground must be observed
- If no other rules are applicable, The County Administrative Board must be noticed for consultation concerning work that has a significant effect on nature



Amendments in the Minerals Act, 1 aug 2014

- Must be written in Swedish + national minority language, if requested
- Adapted to ongoing land use
- More detailed content
- Info about settlement of claims
- Copy of the applicable work plan to the MI



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