

Invitation to the RECLAIM V8 Technical Workshop

October 6–9, 2025

Nisku Inn, Leduc, Alberta

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to participate in the RECLAIM V8 Technical Workshop, hosted by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), to be held from October 6–9, 2025, at the Nisku Inn, Leduc, Alberta. This workshop will bring together representatives from both Federal and Territorial Government, Indigenous organizations, and industry representatives to address key technical issues in the ongoing development of the RECLAIM V8 model. Our goal remains ensuring a transparent, technically sound, and balanced approach to estimating reclamation costs in Canada's North. It is expected that through our collective collaboration we can set a new standard for cooperation.

The purpose of this workshop is to engage directly with proponents and stakeholders on important aspects of RECLAIM V8.

Key discussion topics will include:

- Unit Rates – This issue is of significant importance and will be discussed in a dedicated breakout group over two days. The focus will be on ensuring that unit rates are transparent, technically defensible, and aligned with real-world operating costs.
- Indirect Costs – Participants will review methodologies used in RECLAIM V8 for calculating indirect costs, examining contingency levels, assumptions, and opportunities for alignment with industry practice.
- Interim Care & Maintenance (ICM) – Discussion will focus on the rationale and cost assumptions behind ICM periods, and how they should be applied consistently across reclamation planning.
- Inflation Considerations – This session will review how inflation is applied within RECLAIM V8, including the removal of discounting, and the implications for future security values.
- Post-Closure & Implementation – Participants will consider planning, execution, and monitoring requirements for mine closure, ensuring that assumptions are practical and achievable.
- Report-Back and Synthesis – The breakout group on Unit Rates will present back to the main table on October 8 afternoon, and the workshop will conclude with a full synthesis of all topics.

The detailed agenda is attached to this letter for your reference.

Please note that CIRNAC representatives will remain at the venue on Friday, October 10 to host one-on-one discussions with proponents and industry. If you wish to schedule a dedicated time, please contact us in advance.

We look forward to your participation in this important workshop. Participants are requested to RSVP to Andrew Keim as soon as possible so that accommodation needs can be managed. Please refer to the attached document for Room Bookings at the Venue to facilitate networking and on going collaboration throughout the workshop.

Sincerely,

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