

JULY 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Northwest Territories

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Jun 20: The GNWT launched a new Evacuee Registration Portal to speed up and simplify the emergency evacuation process. Residents who have to evacuate will now only have to register once, which they can do in advance by pre-registering.

Health & Safety

Jun 2: The WSCC hired 3 people (2 in Northwest Territories and 1 in Nunavut) to the newly created position of Safety Outreach Representative, with responsibility for supporting employers' efforts to maintain safe workplaces and comply with OHS laws. Specifically, the representatives will help employers develop OHS program and identify best practices for reducing workplace incidents.

CASES

Health & Safety: Power Company Fined \$200,000 for Death of Apprentice Worker

Melting snow caused an ice buildup at the entrance to a diesel plant. A column of ice broke loose and struck a fourth-year apprentice on the head and shoulder, inflicting injuries that proved to be fatal. Although the victim was wearing a hard hat and safety goggles, there was no protective canopy over the door where the incident occurred. WSCC charged the power company with 11 OHS violations. In

exchange for dropping 10 of the charges, the company pled guilty to one violation and was hit with a \$200,000 fine [*Northwest Territories Power Corp.*, June 26, 2023].

Action Point: Look up the [youth employment laws of your province](#)