

Policy on Division or Partial Surrender of Nonconforming Legacy Mineral Dispositions

An application for division or partial surrender of a non-conforming legacy mineral disposition under section 29 of *The Mineral Tenure Registry Regulations* (MTRR) will be denied if:

- a) in the opinion of the minister, it results, or has the potential to result, in partial cells in excess of 15% of the area of the resultant mineral disposition being deemed to the resultant mineral disposition; or
- b) it is objectionable for any other reason.

In order to remain in compliance with clause a), boundary lines resulting from the division or partial surrender of non-conforming legacy mineral dispositions should follow the boundaries of mineral disposition parcels that are contained within or that overlap with the disposition lands wherever possible, as per section 29(4)(b) of MTRR.

Explanatory Note: Deeming of partial cells in excess of the above-stated limit are not allowed because there would be no expenditure requirements for a substantial portion of the Crown mineral lands to which the disposition holder would retain exclusive rights to explore for and develop minerals. This would be contrary to *The Crown Minerals Act* and MTRR, the intent of which is to promote exploration and development in Saskatchewan by requiring investment and expenditures on these lands.