

Publication Distribution Policy – Manitoba Geological Survey Resource Centre

The Manitoba Geological Survey (MGS) Resource Centre determined that due to an increase in availability of electronically available information and [OpenMB Information and Data Use License](#) the cost to administer sales of MGS publication outweigh the benefits. The Manitoba copyright notification states:

“The Manitoba government is committed to advancing open government principles to share our information, data, and knowledge with the public. We are also committed to leveraging the innovation, ingenuity, and experience of the public to make better and broader use of government information and data.”

“The OpenMB License makes clear that most material covered by Crown copyright can be copied, modified, published, translated, adapted, distributed, or otherwise used, without seeking additional permissions from the government.”

- **Eligibility:** The Resource Centre is a specialized collection of publications open to the public during operational hours for research purposes. Materials are available for public use online or physical items may be used while in the Resource Centre. Select materials are available for loan to Government of Manitoba staff only.
- **Permitted Uses:** Manitoba government publications may be used for research, education, industry exploration programming purposes, and other reference activities. The Manitoba open license does not permit the use of Manitoba government publications to endorse a product, organization or service or imply a distribution arrangement. Publications belonging to a third-party is governed by the third-party and not licensed by the Manitoba government. The Resource Centre may provide eligible third-party information from library to library by interlibrary loan in compliance with Canadian copyright law. Resale of publications is not permitted.
- **Fees:** Single copies of Manitoba Geological Survey publications are available at no charge. The Resource Centre will assess requests on a case-by-case basis and reserves the right to charge a fee or refuse requests at any time. Reasons for refusal include such considerations as operational demand on equipment, copyright or licensing restrictions, size or volume of request.
- **Distribution Process:** Submit publication requests to the Manitoba Geological Survey Resource Centre at Minesinfo@gov.mb.ca, by calling 204-945-1119 or if outside Winnipeg 1-800-223-5215. Resource Centre staff will determine if fees apply. Courier service is at the requestor's expense.

- **Copyright and Usage Restrictions:** Publications are subject to copyright. The Manitoba Geological Survey publications can be used for research, education, industry exploration programming purposes, and other research activities. Commercial use and redistribution are prohibited without written authorization from the Manitoba Geological Survey or external copyright holders.
- **Ownership:** Publications are owned by the Manitoba Geological Survey, external authors, publishers and/or copyright holders. Restrictions on copying or distribution may apply.
- **Policy Review and Updates:** This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis for changes in procedures, requirements, or legal obligations.
- **Dispute Resolution:** An informal approach to dispute resolution is preferred. If this approach is unsuccessful, details of the request/complaint can be addressed to MGS Publications at Minesinfo@gov.mb.ca. Disputes related to this policy, or distribution of publications will be carefully considered by Manitoba Geological Survey staff. A response will be provided in writing within one month. All decisions are final.