

Department of Environment and Local Government

Operational Policy for The Extraction Of Consolidated Rock With The Use Of Explosives

Operational Policy:

Any extraction of consolidated rock with the use of explosives may be subject to an Approval to Operate issued under the *Air Quality Regulation - Clean Air Act*.

Definitions:

- Aggregate Processing: crushing, screening, sorting, and/or washing of consolidated rock
- Construction Blast: the extraction of consolidated rock with the use of explosives for the immediate purpose of constructing infrastructure networks and/or residential/commercial/industrial developments with no aggregate processing
- Quarry: the extraction of consolidated rock with the use of explosives and includes aggregate processing, but is not considered a construction blast
- Wayside Quarry: a site within or immediately adjacent to the right-of-way of a roadway, that removes consolidated rock with the use of explosives solely for use in the construction of the roadway

Application:

Anyone contemplating the extraction of consolidated rock with the use of explosives shall contact the nearest New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government Regional Office.

All applications for the extraction of consolidated rock with the use of explosives will be reviewed by the Regional Engineer to determine the need for an Approval to Operate.

Note: All aggregate processing that has a direct discharge to a watercourse will require an Approval to Operate issued under the *Water Quality Regulation - Clean Environment Act*.

Exemptions:

A construction blast and/or wayside quarry do not require an Approval to Operate and do not need to be reviewed by the Department. If there are any questions about the nature of the blast, the Regional Office should be contacted for clarification.

Inquiries:

For further information, please contact the nearest New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government Regional Office.