Online databases at the British Columbia Geological Survey

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Data: from the field to your computer

Founded in 1895, the British Columbia Geological Survey integrates historical data with active research programs and, drawing on continuously advancing geoscience concepts and technologies, creates new knowledge.

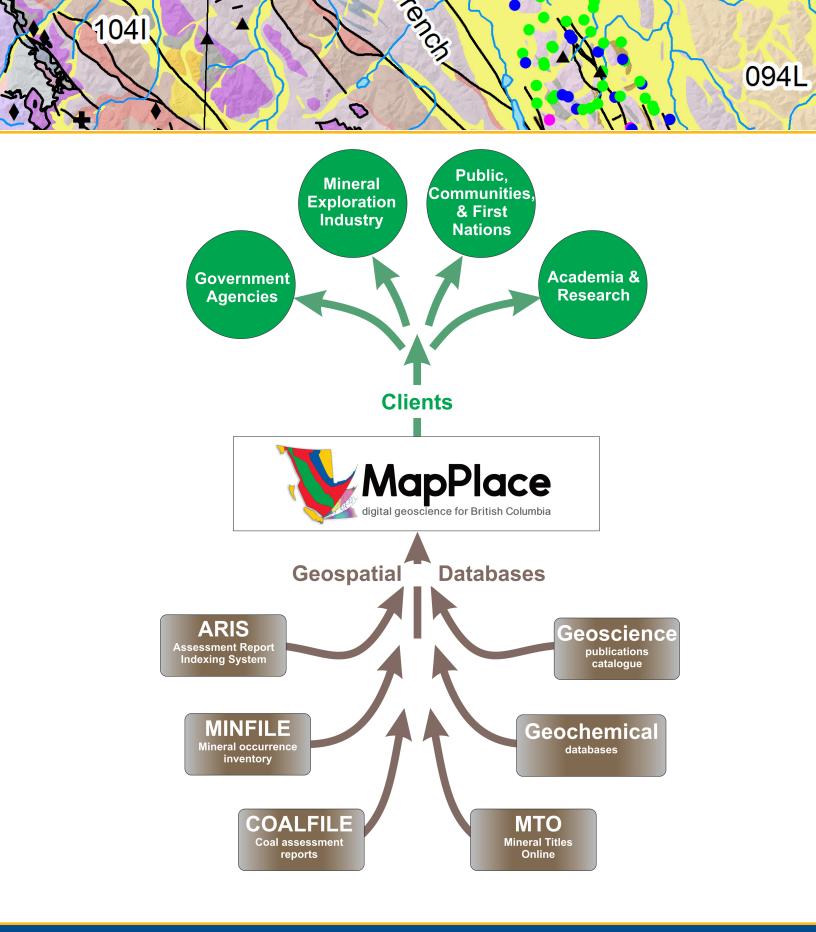
Since its inception, the Survey has provided information to help government, the mineral exploration industry, public safety agencies, environmental scientists, communities, First Nations, research organizations, and the general public make decisions related to the Earth sciences.

This information resides in free web-based databases that are integrated with MapPlace, our online service that allows clients to browse, visualize, and analyze multidisciplinary geoscience data, and create custom maps.

MapPlace 2 allows anyone with an Internet connection to mine multiple geoscience databases that are updated continuously. With a simple interface, MapPlace 2 is easy to use, fast, handles large datasets, and provides access to third-party base maps and imagery.









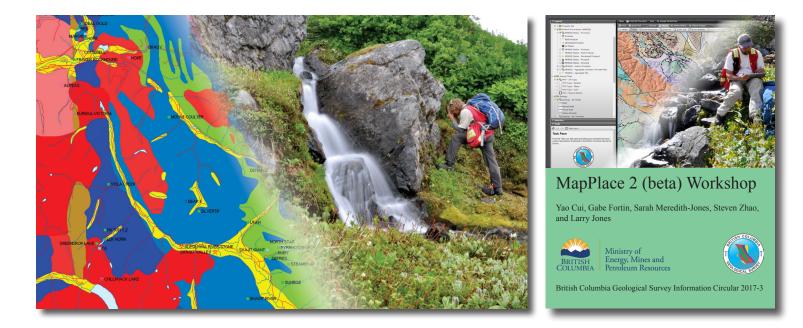


MapPlace 2

MapPlace is more than just a viewing platform



Since 1995, MapPlace, our database-driven geospatial web service, has provided public geoscience data and custom map-making tools to help decision makers from diverse disciplines reduce the costs of accessing and analyzing information about the British Columbia land base. MapPlace 2 goes beyond simply displaying information. Databases are updated regularly and talk to each other, enabling users to conduct queries and generate custom results by connecting to current data from many sources.



The British Columbia Geological Survey offers workshops that use scenario-based exercises to help people get the most out of MapPlace 2.

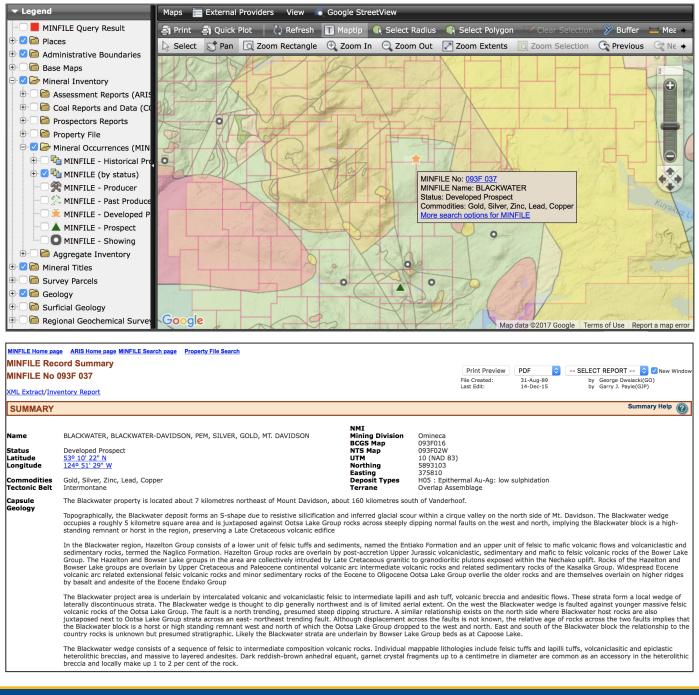
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Through MapPlace 2, Survey databases talk to each other.

Geological maps, ARIS, MINFILE, COALFILE, Property File, geochemical surveys, mineral titles, topographic maps, and the British Columbia Geological Survey publication catalogue can be queried simultaneously, and the output projected onto base imagery of choice.







British Columbia bedrock geology

The British Columbia Geological Survey maintains and delivers province-wide digital coverage of bedrock geology. In contrast to traditional or electronic (pdf) compilations, the digital coverage is neither static nor at a single scale.



- digital data can be accessed, queried, downloaded in shapefile format, and used to create customized products
- as Survey geologists carry out new field mapping, their new data are integrated

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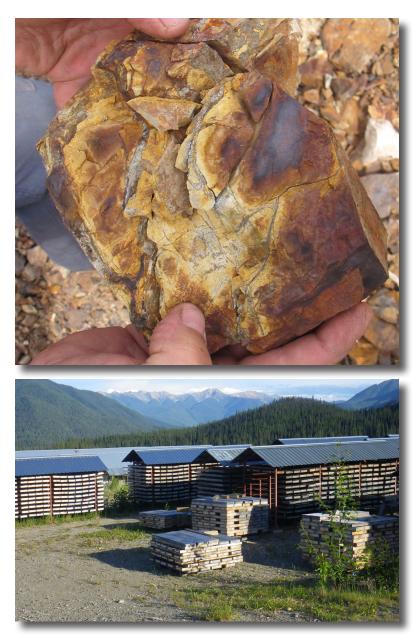


MINFILE

MINFILE is an inventory documenting about 14,800 metallic mineral, industrial mineral, and coal occurrences in British Columbia.

MINFILE can be queried by

- location
- identification number
- mineralogy
- commodity
- host rock
- deposit type
- geological setting
- age
- production
- references



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Assessment Report Indexing System (ARIS)

ARIS is the searchable database of 36,400 assessment reports submitted to the Ministry. These reports summarize results from exploration programs on mineral claims. After a one-year confidentiality period, the reports become an open resource for planning mineral exploration, investment, research, land use, and resource management.

ARIS archives previous exploration results so that explorationists can advance projects without duplicating previous work. Between 1967 and 2017, about \$2.6 billion of exploration expenditures has been reported in ARIS.



Retrieve data about

- geology
- geochemistry
- geophysics
- sampling
- drilling
- prospecting
- physical work

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COALFILE

COALFILE is a collection of assessment reports, maps, and data from boreholes, trenching, and sampling dating from 1900. These data are available for download and viewing through MapPlace 2.

COALFILE contains

- 1000 reports
- 5600 maps
- 15,700 boreholes
- 3650 trenches
- information about 550 bulk samples
- 480 coal ash analyses



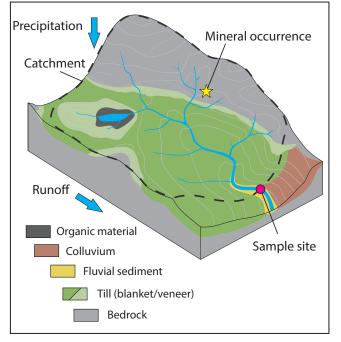
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Geochemical databases

The British Columbia Geological Survey maintains geochemical databases that contain multi-element analyses from rock, till, stream- and lake-sediment, water, and coal ash samples. These databases include over 5 million determinations from more than 85,000 samples. Regularly updated, the databases are integrated with, and can be accessed through, MapPlace 2, the Survey's geospatial web service.







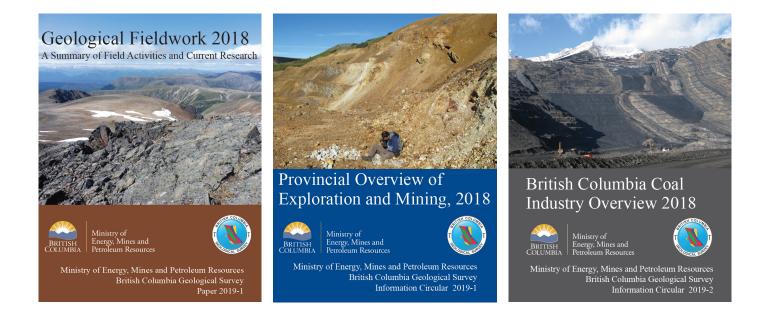
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Publications catalogue

Reports, maps, and databases produced by the British Columbia Geological Survey since 1895 can be searched for, and downloaded from, our publications catalogue at no cost. The Survey publishes geological Papers, Open Files, GeoFiles, Geoscience Maps, and Information Circulars.



Each year in January, the British Columbia Geological Survey releases its Geological Fieldwork volume, highlighting field activities and current research. Other annual publications include the Provincial Overview of Exploration and Mining in British Columbia, and the British Columbia Coal Industry Overview.



To receive notice of our latest releases, email: **Geological.Survey@gov.bc.ca**

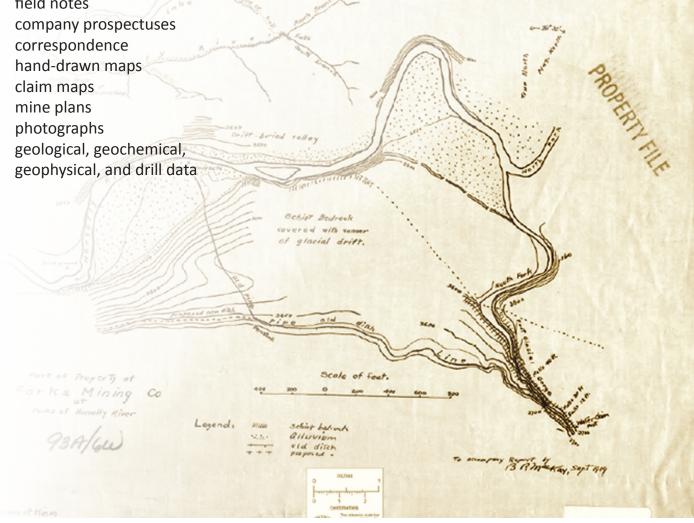




Property File

Property File is a collection of more than 73,000 documents donated to the Survey in the last 150 years by government, university, industry, and individuals. Previously available only in hard copy, these documents now can be searched for, and downloaded from, the Property File database.

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- theses
- field notes
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- correspondence •
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- geophysical, and drill data



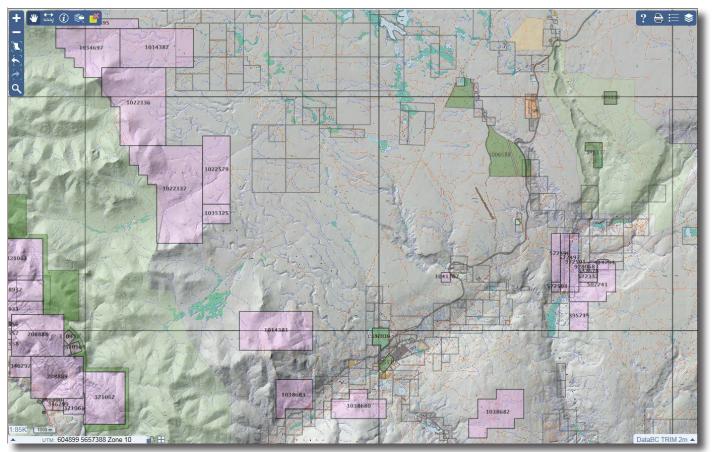
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Mineral Titles Online (MTO)

Mineral Titles Online (MTO) is a GIS-based system that enables the exploration industry to electronically acquire and maintain mineral, placer, and coal rights.



Mineral titles data can be managed at MTO and can be viewed and queried at MapPlace.



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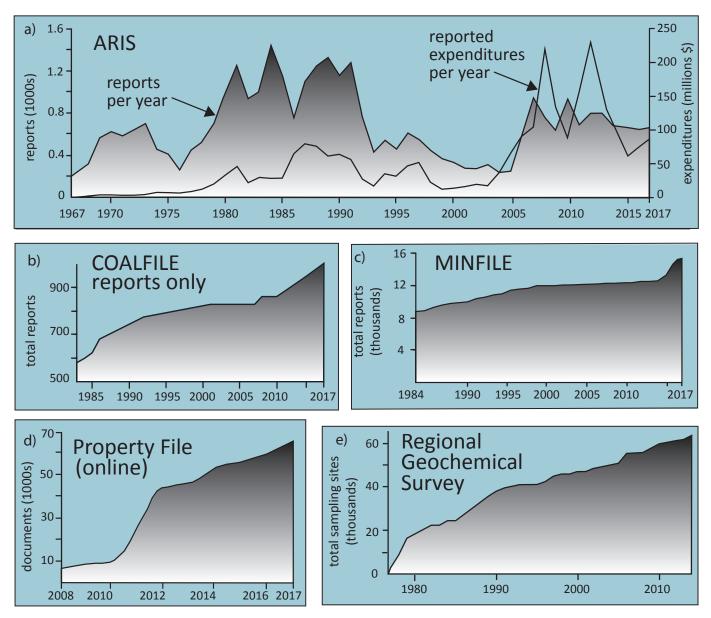






Growth of databases

British Columbia Geological Survey databases continue to grow as new data arrive and as historical data are digitized.



All the BCGS databases are recorded in the B.C. Data Catalogue, with links to applications and downloads. https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca





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