



## NOTICE TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

May 7, 2018

### EXPIRY DATES OF PERMITS

The *Electrical Protection Act* and Regulations state expiry dates for the types of permits issued.

**Temporary permits** are issued for 90 days. Because Inspectors assume that most construction takes longer than 90 days, we automatically extend the permit to 180 days. Jobs that go over 180 days will require a new permit. If a good reason is shown as to why a further extension is needed, the inspector may grant a short extension.

**Other permits**, such as single family or commercial, are good for one year. Work must be started within 90 days of the permit being issued. If the electrical work has not been started within the 90 days, the permit will be canceled. If a good reason is shown as to why a further extension is needed, the inspector may grant a short extension on these types of permits also.

#### Extension Requests

All requests for extension shall be in writing.

#### Expired Permits

Effective immediately, electrical contractors with open permits issued to them that have expired, that have uncorrected deficiencies written against the permit and that have not had final inspections arranged may lose their privilege to have further permits issued or power connections authorized until the contractor's file has been placed in good standing. The Inspection Department may cancel a permit on the basis that there has been no activity on the permit for a period in excess of one year.

See sections 13(1) and 14(1) of the NWT Electrical Protection Regulations. Where final inspections have not been arranged pertaining to a project, and if requested beyond this date, a new permit will be required to be in place.

Jobs with expired temporary permits must be disconnected from electrical energy.

For other expired permits, no further electrical work shall be performed unless an extension is approved or a new permit issued.



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### ELECTRICAL DEFICIENCIES

An increasing number of permits with deficiencies or final inspection avoidance are accumulating in our files.

**Please remember:**

It is your responsibility as the contractor to ensure that a permit issued to you is maintained properly – right from the time of issuance up until final inspection and closing.

This means that when deficiencies are written against a permit by an inspector, they are to be remedied immediately, not weeks, months and in some cases years later as has been the case in the past. Remember that the main purpose of a permit is to protect the safety of persons and property. This cannot be accomplished if deficiencies are not being corrected or final inspections are not being arranged.

As a corrective measure to this problem, the inspection department will not be issuing new permits or approving power connections to contractors that have not been keeping their files in good standing. This will be a discretionary call by the inspection department and will be implemented immediately as a method of controlling the increasing numbers of delinquent permits.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate to call the Electrical Inspection Department.