

# NovaScan Update – Documents and Products Released in 2025

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## Introduction

NovaScan is the geoscience publications and maps database on Nova Scotia and its offshore regions. As of December 31, 2025, the database contained 19,232 records, consisting of 9,962 mineral exploration assessment and property reports, 1,560 open file reports, 2,142 maps and illustrations, 872 theses, 291 contribution series, 224 digital products, 41 outside publications, and 4,140 other publications.

To provide better service to staff and clients, the Geoscience and Mines Branch maintains a public search application that allows the public to query records in the NovaScan database using an Internet browser. NovaScan can be searched by title, author/organization, subject, area, map sheet (NTS), map type, licence type, licence number, document type, document number, year, and map scale. NovaScan is updated monthly as new mineral exploration assessment reports, geoscience maps, publications, open files and theses become available. The search interface can be accessed at <https://gesner.novascotia.ca/novascan/DocumentQuery.faces>

If you would like to sign up to receive our monthly release notice of reports, products and assessment reports, please send a request to [GMB@novascotia.ca](mailto:GMB@novascotia.ca).

Reports and products completed by Geoscience and Mines Branch staff during the 2025 year are outlined below.

## Documents and Products Released in 2025

### Information Circular

Information Circular ME 83:

Mineral Production in 2023 and Exploration in 2024, Mineral Management Division, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 18 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/data/pubs/ic/ic\\_me\\_083.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/data/pubs/ic/ic_me_083.pdf)

Report ME 2026-1

## Digital Product

Digital Product ME 550:

Digital Data from the Geochemical Characterization of Historical Drill Core Throughout Nova Scotia, Canada, by MacRae, K-D, Burden, D, and Neyedley, K, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025. Available in SHP, GDB, CSV and XLS formats.

<https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/download/dp550.asp>

## Open File Reports

Open File Report ME 2025-1:

Geochemical Characterization of Historical Drill Core Throughout Nova Scotia, Canada, by MacRae, K-D, Burden, D, and Neyedley, K, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 3 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/data/ofr/ofr\\_me\\_2025-001.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/data/ofr/ofr_me_2025-001.pdf)

Open File Report ME 2025-2:

Erratum: Geological Mapping of Southwestern Nova Scotia - Open File Maps ME 2012-077 to 079, 081 to 084, 086 and 087, by Geoscience and Mines Branch, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 2 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/data/ofr/ofr\\_me\\_2025-002.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/data/ofr/ofr_me_2025-002.pdf)

## Reports

Report ME 2025-001:

Geoscience and Mines Branch Report of Activities 2024, by Webber, D E, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources; MacDonald, D R, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 40 page(s)

<https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/25re01.pdf>

Report ME 2026-1

Report of Activities Articles:

Drill Core Library Activities, by MacKay, A, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 1-4 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/01ROA\\_2025\\_MacKay\\_DCLib.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/01ROA_2025_MacKay_DCLib.pdf)

Nova Scotia Mineral Occurrence Database, by MacRae, K-D, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 5-11 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/02ROA\\_2025\\_MacRae\\_MODB.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/02ROA_2025_MacRae_MODB.pdf)

Radon in Indoor Air in Nova Scotia, by MacRae, K-D, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 12-20 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/03ROA\\_2025\\_MacRae\\_Radon.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/03ROA_2025_MacRae_Radon.pdf)

Coastal Monitoring Program, by Maracle, M, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 21-30 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/04ROA\\_2025\\_Maracle\\_CstlMon.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/04ROA_2025_Maracle_CstlMon.pdf)

Industrial Minerals, by Moss, T J, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, 2025, 31-40 page(s)

[https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/05ROA\\_2025\\_Moss\\_IndMin.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/meb/DATA/pubs/25re01/05ROA_2025_Moss_IndMin.pdf)