



NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA: FIREARMS POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND STATISTICS
Initial Analysis of 142-Page Response to my July 23, 2018 Access to Information Act Request
By Dennis R. Young – February 10, 2019

[FULL 142-PAGE ATIP RESPONSE BY NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA](#)

SEE PDF PAGES 137-142: NRCAN RESPONSE TO MY ORIGINAL EIGHT QUESTIONS

Summary

Question #2 – Number of Firearms 2018 = 3 Restricted and 173 Unrestricted.

Question #4 – Number of Personnel Authorized to carry firearms while off-duty = Zero

Question #5 – Number of Personnel who have passed firearms proficiency and safety = 79 Unrestricted

Question #6 - Number of Personnel who have failed firearms proficiency and safety = 1 Unrestricted

Question #8 – Number of Lost and Stolen Firearms = 2 in 2013

Challenging NRCAN response to Question #7: *the total number of accidental discharges, unsafe acts, careless storage and unauthorized use of firearms;*

SEE PDF PAGE 137 - NRC RESPONSE: *Any firearm related incident or accident would require an investigation and the completion of a Hazardous Occurrence Investigation Process (HOIR) which is then sent to Labour Canada. I would recommend reaching out to Labour Canada to see if they would possibly have statistics on how many accidental discharges, unsafe acts, careless storage and unauthorized use of firearms occurred between the requested years at Natural Resources Canada.*

SEE PDF PAGE 19 - NRC DIRECTIVE ON FIREARMS – June 22, 2016 - **12.0 Reporting of Discharge and Inappropriate Use: *Discharge of an NRCan firearm for self defence or exigent circumstances must be reported through a Departmental Incident Report.***

E-Mail Sent to NRCAN ATIP Advisor Feb 10, 2019: I respectfully request copies of each of the “Departmental Incident Reports” with reports of discharges and inappropriate use.

SEE PAGES 24-39: ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL VERIFICATION ON COMPLIANCE AND OVERSIGHT ON FIREARMS – APRIL 2017

PDF Page 35: Departmental Firearms, Type, Make and Model: 47 Rifles, 3 Handguns, 126 Shotguns

SEE PDF PAGES 88-90: MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER – APRIL 24, 2018
RE: ISSUANCE OF RESTRICTED FIREARMS TO THREE ESS-GSC PERSONNEL

EXCERPT: *“However, in specific regions of British Columbia and the Yukon, field conditions (i.e. mountainous landscapes, dense bush, and steep terrain), which generally require the use of both hands to safely traverse, make restricted firearms, specifically the .44 magnum side arm, the most appropriate solution for self-defence against wildlife.”*

NOTE: This initial analysis was written up on my first pass through the 142 pages. I’ll conduct a more thorough page-by-page review in the days ahead. If you see anything noteworthy during your review please e-mail me with your comments. Thanks Dennis dennisryoung@telus.net