

## **NOTICE TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS**

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### **WIRING OF COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS**

As a result of deregulation in the communications industry, companies and workers who are not communications utilities are increasingly doing the installation of communications wiring.

As you are aware, all communications wiring is electrical work as defined in the NWT Electrical Protection Act. Communications electrical work done by anyone other than a communications utility must be done by a qualified electrical worker who holds a valid electrical installation permit.

Under Section 11 of the Electrical Protection Act, registration as a qualified electrical worker is extended to communications technicians who make application and provide documentation of training.

Our inspectors will be monitoring communications electrical work to ensure that a valid electrical permit covers the communications wiring and that a qualified electrical worker is doing this work.