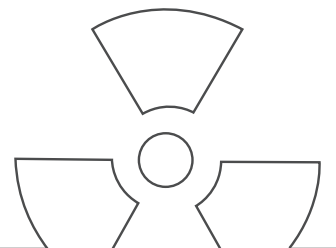




Regulatory Oversight of Uranium Exploration, Mining, and Milling

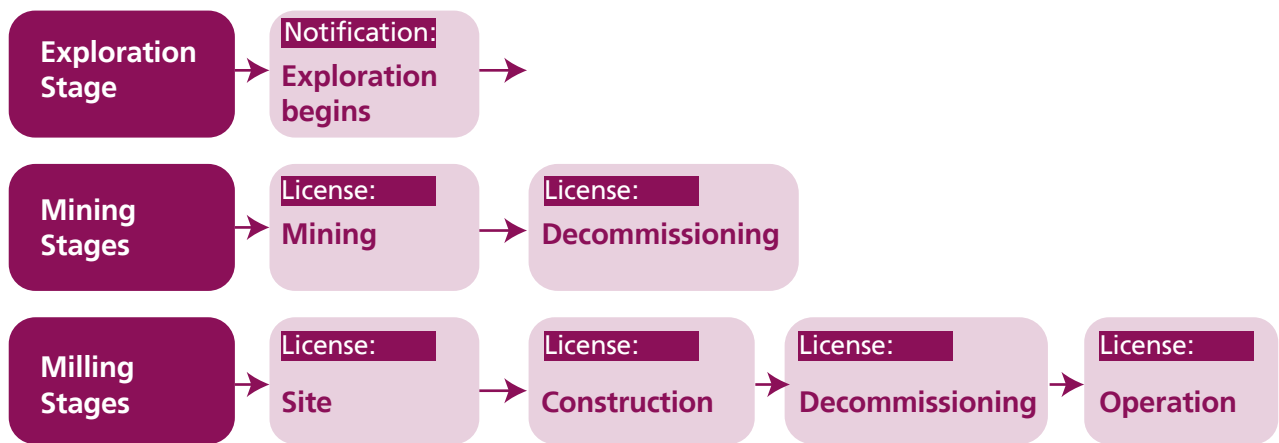
In June 2017, the National Atomic Energy Project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was issued to include peaceful atomic energy into national energy mix to meet the increasing demand for electricity in the Kingdom. One of the main project components is exploring the feasibility of the uranium exploration and mining program.

As a part of performing its mandate and responsibilities, the NRRC regulates uranium activities related to exploration, mining, processing of uranium ore, and relevant activities (e.g., import, export, shipment, and transport of uranium ore, ore containing uranium, and milling products) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. At the current stage, work is still being done to study the feasibility and economic return and to assess the presence of uranium, transition metals, and relevant rare earth elements.



For the development of the regulatory framework and infrastructure in relation to the supervision of the activities in this industry, the NRRC is preparing a specific regulation, authorization application forms, internal technical guides to review authorization applications, and relevant regulatory documents.

The NRRC has received notification for uranium exploration in at potential sites. In addition, the NRRC issued several export permits to ship ore samples for evaluation of the characteristics of the ore and optimization of the mechanical grinding. Until this time, the NRRC has not received any applications related to uranium mining and milling.



Permit Types

- 1 Import & Export of uranium ore, ore containing uranium, and milling product
- 2 Transportation & Shipment of uranium ore, ore containing uranium, and milling product