It is the policy of NTGS to ensure that maximum benefit for the NT’s exploration industry is obtained by the acquisition and provision of access to core and cuttings from explorers and that the finite resources held by the department are managed appropriately.

Sampling of core and cuttings held by the department will only be permitted if no similar analysis has been recently completed and there is sufficient sample availability. No destructive sampling will be permitted on core where there is less than a quarter of the original remaining.

### Conditions of sampling

As a condition of access explorers and researchers are required to submit a copy of their raw data and reports, including details of the methodology, and return unused material within six months of sampling.

If the sampling analysis is not completed within 6 months then preliminary results of the analysis conducted must be submitted or the sample on loan must be returned to the core store.

Extensions on submission of data and/or return of unused samples will only be granted if proof of analysis commencement and preliminary data is supplied.

Further applications for sampling will be declined if results have not been submitted or if unused and processed materials have not been returned.

### Reporting

Reports **must** include the raw data, sample preparation and analytical methods and should briefly explain the rationale for sampling and describe any chemical, physical, geophysical, biostratigraphic or other studies done on the material. The results of non-destructive assaying (eg Hand held XRF) should also be reported.

Formats for submission of reports and data should follow the current *Guidelines for Reporting on Mineral Titles* (Guideline 7 under the *Mineral Titles Act*)

All reports and data must be submitted to the Core Facility Manager within 6 months of sampling.

Clients are encouraged to submit copies of their interpreted results, and in particular it is expected that students will submit their thesis to the department library when published. However a report containing the analytical results and basic methodology is still required to be submitted within 6 months of sampling.

### Sampling for inclusion in statutory reporting under legislation

Exploration companies may claim expenditure for analysis undertaken on material accessed through the NTGS core store that is relevant to exploration on current titles.

If expenditure is claimed under the *Mineral Titles Act*, then the core analysis report and data, prepared and submitted to the Core Facility Manager, should also be **included as an appendix** to the Annual Report for that title.

If expenditure is claimed under the *Petroleum Act*, then the core analysis report and data should be **listed** in the Annual Report for that title.

### Confidentiality

Core analysis reports and data will be released to the public 12 months after sampling.