

Knowing the significant role that Chemtrade liquid chlorine plays in supporting safe drinking water for millions of Canadians, and the growing uncertainty in North American trade relationships and uncertain geopolitical conditions, we are having conversations regarding how to maintain our potential future operations and secure our Canadian supply chain of this critical product.

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About Chemtrade

Chemtrade's North Vancouver chlor-alkali facility is one of Canada's largest providers of liquid chlorine – accounting for 40 per cent of all liquid chlorine available in Canada. Regionally, this equates to over 70 per cent of the liquid chlorine available in BC and Alberta. **Why is this important?** A study conducted by [Statistics Canada in 2015](#) found that 96 per cent of Canadian communities relied on chlorine to treat their municipal water supply, which supplies over 30.7 million Canadians.

Why are we applying for a rezoning? *Securing safe drinking water for millions of Canadians*

We are Canada's largest producer of liquid chlorine. Our liquid chlorine is used by over 70 per cent of the municipalities right here in BC and Alberta to treat municipal water supplies. We have a critical role to play in securing your safe drinking water, and with this in mind, we need to secure our long-term ability to operate.

The facility itself has been safely operating since 1957, but due to a bylaw passed in 1984, our facility has been operating as a legal non-conformity since that time and has been grandfathered up until this point.

As part of our efforts to secure long-term operations, we are proposing several major capital improvements at our site that will not only increase safety but reduce risk to the community, such as building an enclosure around the rail loading area equipped with air scrubbing technology, and the installation of seismic sensors. ***To move forward with construction, we need a development permit from the District of North Vancouver. This will trigger the need for rezoning to allow for the production of chlorine at our facility.***

To confirm, we are not increasing our output of liquid chlorine. In fact, once the improvements are completed, we will be moving to a "produce and ship" model, effectively removing almost all on-site storage of liquid chlorine. The application is to ensure we are correctly zoned so we can continue operations and move forward with planned safety and risk reduction projects.

A history and ongoing commitment to safe operations:

We have a strong commitment to safety; we provide our employees with hours of annual safety training and have strict safety protocols and procedures in place. We partner with local first responders to host joint training and emergency response exercises and are part of the Alertable notification system. Our employees receive training in chlorine response, and some have gone on to join a highly specialized and skilled team of volunteers called the CHLOREP team through the Chlorine Institute.

We lease a fleet of almost 300 railcars for the movement of liquid chlorine, which are inspected four times while on site (at arrival, prior to loading, post loading and before departure) to ensure proper functioning of the car. We work closely with the rail operators, and ensure we are compliant with all regulatory requirements. Chemtrade has been the annual recipient of several awards for safe rail operations. Thanks to Chemtrade's rigorous safety protocols, Chemtrade has been awarded the American Association of Railroads Non-Accidental Release (NAR) Grand Slam Award in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Rezoning application update

We submitted our rezoning application in the fall of 2025, and it is now moving through the formal rezoning application process. On January 12, 2026, our application received First Reading at the Regular Council Meeting, and by unanimous vote, was recommend to move to a Public Hearing, which has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

To find our more details about the meeting, including information on how to watch the hearing virtually, or how to register to speak, please visit the District of North Vancouver's website, at www.dnv.org.

Ways to contact us

- Visit www.AskChemtrade.ca to submit questions, find information, and send a message
- Reach out directly to Amy Jonsson at ajonsson@chemtradelogistics.com
- Visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/chemtrade>) and send us a message



The Chemtrade team and MLA Chant at Community Day held on site, September 2025

