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On-site Activities

The Project Team continues to address urgent risks on site. Recently, a section of the conveyor gallery was taken down.

The roaster complex, a very contaminated building, has deteriorated to a point where it must be brought down, but this requires extensive and careful planning. While investigative work has begun, the start of demolition work is dependent on numerous factors, including procurement.

We also hope to conduct some drilling work to gather more in-depth information on the stability of the underground mine workings. Get more information on the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's public registry www.reviewboard.com/registry and searching for "giant" or by calling (867) 669-2426.



Students on Site

The Giant Mine Site was transformed from an abandoned mine site into a huge photography studio for a group of Sir John Franklin High School French Immersion students recently. Ten Grade 9 students spent a morning at the site capturing their perspectives of the contaminated site.

This photo, showing workers removing asbestos from a section of the conveyor gallery, was captured by Grade 9 student Katrina Pearson.

For more information and photos from the class trip, visit www.giant.gc.ca.

Baker Creek

On May 3, 2012, sediment rich meltwater began to enter Baker Creek from a ditch that flows from high ground to the west and drains into Baker Creek.

The sediment did not contain any mine-related contaminants. Work began immediately to divert the run-off and stop it from entering Baker Creek. Results from samples showed the mitigation measures worked to prevent more sediment from entering the creek.

Environmental Assessment Update

Public hearings as part of the ongoing Environmental Assessment conducted by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board are expected to be held in September 11-14, 2012 in Yellowknife.

Public Engagement

The Giant Mine Remediation Project Team recently held a series of public forums in Dettah, Yellowknife and Ndilo. We also took part in a workshop and public forum on oversight organized by the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and Alternatives North.

During these events, we discussed upcoming activities on site and how we are communicating information to the public.

Did You Know?

Water at Giant Mine is stored in large ponds on the surface and underground for about nine months of the year. Over the summer months (after the fish spawning period), it is treated to meet water quality guidelines. It is then released into Baker Creek.

On average, the staff at Giant Mine treats more than 500,000 cubic metres of arsenic contaminated water a year. That amount of water would fill 200 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

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