

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES: ABORIGINAL AND NORTHERN ENGAGEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION PROJECTS

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There are many risks associated with former mine sites not being properly remediated, including leakage and contamination which can adversely affect the surrounding environment. The Gunnar Mine site, located on the north shore of Lake Athabasca, was the largest of the legacy uranium mine sites that were developed and operated during the Cold War years, but closed in 1964. Today, traditional hunting, trapping and fishing activities are presently practised in the areas close to the Gunnar site, and remediation projects continue with the goal of making the site safe and accessible for communities nearby. This presentation will discuss how large scale projects, like mine site remediation, can incorporate appropriate consultation practises and create partnerships with local communities to ensure the creation of meaningful change and socio-economic benefits. Our speakers will discuss whether it is beneficial to go beyond the legal Duty to Consult requirements, and will offer suggestions on how engaging with northern and Aboriginal communities can enhance the joint benefits of these projects.

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