

» Congrats Mark & Brody!



Mark Buffin (left) and Brody Fiske (right) are the first two McClean Lake Operation Trades Helper Program participants to become certified journeypersons.

The Trades Helper Program allows participants to observe and assist experienced journeyperson personnel in their McClean Lake mill maintenance activities and to perform progressively more difficult tasks as their skills and knowledge advance. The program leads participants to become indentured as apprentices and to work and study to obtain their journeyperson certification with Interprovincial Standards Seal.

In the fall of 2016, Mark Buffin achieved his Industrial Mechanic's journeyperson's certification, while Brody Fiske achieved his Electrician's journeyperson certification. Congratulations on your success Mark and Brody!

» McClean Lake Operating Licence Up For Renewal

AREVA has requested to renew the McClean Lake operating licence issued by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) for a 12-year term. In 2009, the CNSC issued the licence for an 8-year term. In addition to its McClean Lake annual report, AREVA provides a substantive report on environmental performance to the CNSC on a 5-year cycle.

The request for a 12-year term provides the opportunity to align future licence renewal requests with the review of the environmental performance report. This report is key in the regulators' ability to assess past, current and future performance. We anticipate requesting subsequent licence terms of 10 years, once aligned with the submission of the environmental performance report. A longer licence term does not compromise the robust oversight provided by both the federal and provincial regulators, whom frequently review and assess the McClean Lake operation's performance through site visits, inspections, audits, the review of project proposals, annual reports and annual meeting with the Commission, which are open to the public.

» Production Milestone

In 2016 over 17.3 million pounds of U₃O₈ uranium concentrate (6,650 TU) were safely processed at the McClean Lake mill. That's McClean Lake's most productive year to date!

Thank you to all our employees for this accomplishment!

In 2017 AREVA aims to produce 18 million pounds of uranium concentrate.

» Congratulations Mill Operations Trainees!

Eight more trainees successfully completed the McClean Lake Mill Operations Training Program that ran from September to December 2016.

The program now has a total of 84 graduates since it started in 2012.



Congratulations Jody Tsannie, Crystal Daigneault, Dylan Gauthier, Edwin Morin, Neil Laliberte, Tristen Tsannie, Mitchell Dusterbeck, and Paul John Denechezhe! Well Done!

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours!

» The Facts on Cluff Lake's Decommissioning Objectives

Radiation

AREVA must ensure that risks to the public from on-site radiation exposure from previous mining activities are minimal. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) accepted the radiation survey results demonstrating that the site does not pose a risk to the public in 2009.

Tailings

AREVA must ensure that the tailings (left over products from the ore, waste solutions and chemicals used during the ore processing) are contained and protected over the long term. AREVA has placed a cover over the tailings and extensive monitoring is showing that the cover is meeting its design objectives.

Vegetation

To restore the surface area of the site and provide erosion control, AREVA conducted an extensive revegetation program. During decommissioning, AREVA planted almost a million trees and has revegetated the area extensively. Monitoring data shows that the trees and vegetation are growing very well.

Traditional Food and Diet

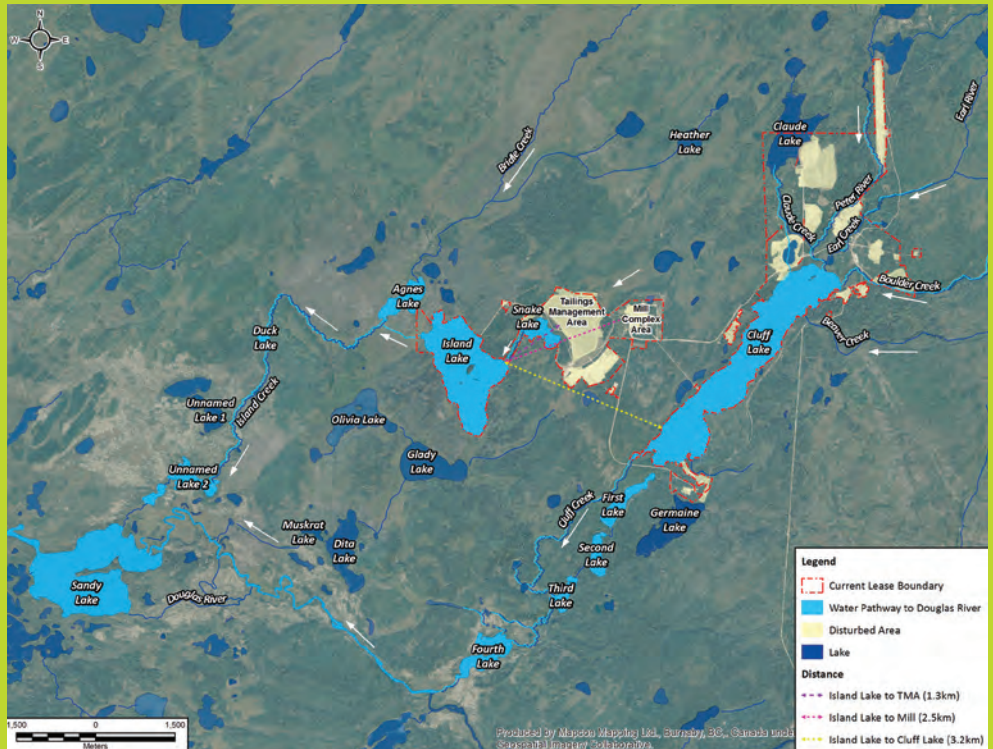
AREVA must ensure that it is safe for people to undertake traditional activities at Cluff Lake, including the consumption of traditional foods. Studies show that it is safe for a visitor to hunt, fish, gather and trap at the Cluff Lake site, and safe for their family to consume traditional food from the site.

Water Quality

Water quality studies show that all water bodies downstream of the operation are meeting Decommissioning Surface Water Quality Objectives established during the Cluff Lake Decommissioning Environmental Assessment. Monitoring data also shows that Island Lake, located about 2.5Km from the former mill complex area and 1.5km from the former tailings management area, is recovering and it is expected to meet Saskatchewan Surface Water Quality Objectives in the long term, as are all other water bodies downstream of Island Lake.

Regulatory Oversight

AREVA decommissioning activities are subject to regulatory inspections and verification by the CNSC and the Province of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Environment.



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