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With the workshop set to run next week, please find enclosed a final purpose and objectives, as well as an agenda.


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June 22 - 24, 1999

*Katimavik Room "B" (Plenary Session Location), Explorer Hotel,
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories*

Workshop Purpose and Objectives

Context

The *Giant Mine Arsenic Trioxide Technical Workshop* is a key part of a commitment to a broader *Giant Mine Arsenic Trioxide Management Strategy* being led by the federal government. The *Technical Workshop* is a key element in developing the engineering and scientific aspects and consider the public health and environmental safety issues of the broader *Management Strategy*. Other elements of this *Management Strategy* will address: public information and communication; future ownership and operations; and, legal liabilities. Taken together, the elements provide the basis for informing the public and addressing the issues related to the management of arsenic trioxide.

Workshop Purpose

The workshop will help develop a common understanding of the arsenic trioxide problem at Giant Mine, provide a forum to develop and apply arsenic trioxide management options evaluation criteria and process, and collectively determine an *Action Plan* to identify what needs to be done to more fully develop the most promising and appropriate option(s), including addressing data gaps, tasks, responsibilities, required resources and time lines.

Workshop Objectives

The *Technical Workshop* is structured in three parts and is intended to achieve the following specific objectives:

Part One: Developing A Common Understanding Of The Problem

1. Provide an historical overview of arsenic trioxide management at Giant Mine and the chronology of events related to the work completed to date on arsenic trioxide management practices and options at Giant Mine, including a summary of the legislative and regulatory regime, operational, geophysical, engineering & environmental parameters and the associated issues and challenges;

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2. Outline the commitment to and elements of a broader Giant Mine Arsenic Trioxide *Management Strategy* being led by the federal government;
3. Confirm the proposed objectives of the *Giant Mine Arsenic Trioxide Management Project Description*. This will include an outline of the planning, and anticipated environmental impact assessment and decision making processes;

Part Two: Development & Application Of Options Evaluation Criteria and Process

4. Present a detailed overview of the range of available engineering and scientific options explored to date, including existing issues, data gaps, and work (ie. research and technology development; marketing and feasibility studies) in progress related to the various options;
5. Present and discuss a comparative evaluation matrix to *assess and rank* the various options using engineering, scientific, public health, environmental safety, economic, and social criteria that need to be considered;
6. Amend (as necessary) the comparative evaluation matrix to achieve *agreement* on suitable and appropriate criteria for the evaluation of arsenic trioxide management options;
7. Based on objective application of the evaluation criteria determine which arsenic trioxide management option(s) are the most promising and appropriate;

Part Three: Development Of An Action Plan For Detailed Options Analysis

8. Identify and discuss what needs to be done to more fully develop the selected option(s), including the development of a detailed *Action Plan* identifying tasks, responsibilities, required resources and time lines; and,
9. Present the findings and results of the workshop to the public and interested organizations.