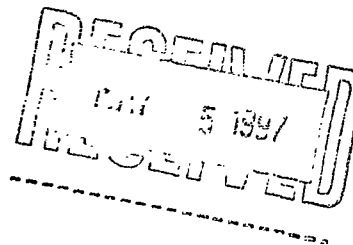




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Re: Arsenic Releases in the NWT

You may recall that Environment Canada released an Action Plan for dealing with arsenic releases in the Northwest Territories in May 1996. The Task Force that was established to study the issues has completed the following reports:

- Controlling Arsenic Releases to the Environment in the Northwest Territories, Discussion of Management Options, April 1997; and
- Controlling Arsenic Releases to the Environment in the Northwest Territories, Summary, April 1997.

The "Discussion of Management Options" report is a fairly technical document detailing the findings of our Task Force with respect to arsenic in the NWT, while the "Summary" report is a less technical version of the report. The "Discussion of Management Options" contains a list of the reference documents on which it is based. If you wish to receive copies of any of these reference documents, please contact Ed Collins in Yellowknife at (403) 920-6061 or by fax at (403) 873-8185.

We are seeking comments on the reports and summary and, in order to facilitate discussion on a range of proposed options to control releases of arsenic to the environment of the Northwest Territories, we are proposing to host a two-day workshop in June in Yellowknife. A tentative agenda is attached for your consideration. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Ed Collins.

If you have any questions or require additional information on our initiative, please let me know.

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