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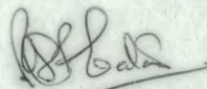
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Arsenic Testing Programme

I attach a recent short report and breakdown of figures for Arsenic hair sampling, together with a predictable news release from a recent issue of the Native Press.

Actually, 55 out of 560 is higher than I would have expected, and is an acceptable sample in my view.

Total as of February 28th was 699. We are now awaiting some results.



R.D.P. Eaton, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
A/Director, Programs Development
for Regional Director

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTOR
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REGION
ATTENTION: DR. R. D. P. EATON

FROM: ASST. ZONE DIRECTOR
DE: MACKENZIE ZONE

SUBJECT: HAIR SAMPLES FOR ARSENIC STUDY
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Please find attached a breakdown of the participants in the above study. This is grouped into 3 groups: 1) The miners from both mines; 2) The Indian residents who participated; 3) The rest of the population including children.

As you will note, there was little involvement from the mines, in spite of advertising by us and the mines themselves, encouraging their employees to participate.

There was also a poor response from the Indian people. There is an approximate Indian population of 560 (Approximately 140 of this figure live in Detah Village).

Apart from some advertising in the papers by C.B.C. in Dogrib, we had the nurse and a native girl visit each house in the village. Explanations were made in English and Dogrib to residents, but only 17 of the 140 people in the village participated. In the old town sections of Yellowknife, two days were spent.

House to house visits were made again with a native girl, in the Rainbow Valley area (approximately 20 families) - only 21 people agreed to be involved. (This was done on two consecutive mornings). For two afternoons we set up in a building used for adult education of the native people, also in the old town, and only 9 natives attended. I believe there were 8 Indians who took part, during the 2 1/2 weeks in which we set up in the Health Centre.

There were a number of people (including children) who have been in Yellowknife for periods ranging from 6 months to 5 years who attended. There were also a good number of residents who have been here for more than 10 years, although this figure I am sure will be less than those resident under 5 years.

This is provided for your information.

[Signature]
ASST. ZONE DIRECTOR
MACKENZIE ZONE

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ARSENIC TESTING STUDY

Number of miners participated:

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| GIANT YELLOWKNIFE MINES | 98 |
| COMINCO LTD. (CON MINES) | 69 |

Indian residents:

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| DETAH VILLAGE, RAINBOW VALLEY & LATHAM ISLAND | 55 |
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| OTHER POPULATION | 478 |
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