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MEMORANDUM

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Director General  
Program Management

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Regional Director  
Northwest Territories Region

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YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE January 30, 1975

SUBJECT  
OBJET Arsenic Survey - Yellowknife

The attached schedule represents a joint effort by the indicated departments of the Federal Government and Giant Mine in Yellowknife to plan a concerted effort to determine the effect of Arsenic emissions on the population of Yellowknife, and has been developed in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Hon. Marc Lalonde, in his published statement of 9th January 1975.


An attempt has been made to cost the individual items. The costs represent additional costs which would be incurred and take no account of services which can be rendered within the course of duty of current staff.

It will be observed that certain costs, whilst included in the total are bracketed in the table. This is to indicate an actual cost which might, however, not appear as a direct charge against the programme, e.g. in Health and Welfare Canada cost, the item of \$2,500. in O&M is the approximate cost of 500 As. assays on hair samples which would, however, not be charged to this Region. The item of \$30,000. for equipment in the Environmental Protection Service air pollution survey represents purchase which, though acquired for this specific purpose, would be a necessary purchase anyway and could be charged against other programmes.

It will be seen that additional costs for salaries in Health and Welfare Canada are minimal, representing only an additional P.H. Nurse for two months.

The balance of the time the programme should be handled by regular staff. No allocation is made for E.H.O. service since it has proved impossible in the past few years to recruit sufficient staff to reach establishment let alone additional for special surveys.

At this moment, additional clerical help is probably unnecessary, though time could prove this wrong, and the recently added promise to follow up the previously surveyed individuals could prove extremely onerous on clerical time. Physician time would be bought and is indicated by the \$10,000. allocation under O&M.

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for Regional Director

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"Annex B"

DEPARTMENT	TASK	TIMING
ALL	Literature Review	Immediate
Atmospheric Environment Service	Meteorology	April 1, 1975 March 31, 1975
Health & Welfare Canada	Hair Sampling Hair Assay Urine Sampling & Assay Clinical Assessment Clinical Assessment of the previously surveyed in 1966 Routine water sampling City Supply Detah Village	Immediate Jan. - Mar. '75 April - May '75 April - Sep. '75 April - Sep. '75 Continuous
Environmental Protection Service	Emission Monitoring Ambient air monitoring  Soils ) Vegetation ) Fish Water Survey	Fiscal year  Fiscal year  Complete
Giant Mines	Stack sampling	
Department of Indian & Northern Affairs	Mill air sampling	

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Yellowknife Arsenic Survey 1966

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DATE January 29, 1975

In his recent Northern tour, the Hon. Marc Lalonde committed this Region to attempting a follow-up study of individuals who took part in the 1966 survey.

Even viewed dispassionately, which from this seat is difficult, this seems a monumental task, in the first place because we have no list by individual indicating findings at the time of the initial survey.

Although I suppose we might get a number of the original contributors to respond by media advertising, if we did not have the original findings the results of such an effort would be without meaning.

Therefore, as a first step, I am asking if it would be possible to find the original clinical records on all these individuals.

If this information is available, it might then be appropriate to mount an exercise aimed at getting them all re-examined.

Possibly a more realistic step would be a retrospective study of those who took part to determine the cause of death of those who have in fact terminated their association, and compare this hardest of data with the previous clinical findings.

I would appreciate your comments and guidance.

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