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CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
TO ADMINISTER TASK FORCE ON ARSENIC

OTTAWA - Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde today announced the appointment of three scientists to an independent task force set up to study the question of possible arsenic poisoning in Yellowknife. The Canadian Public Health Association, supported by a contribution of up to \$100,000 from the Department of National Health and Welfare, will administer the study.

The three members of the task force, ^{chosen} ~~selected~~ by the CPHA, are:

list of three names

- with titles and place of work

Under their terms of reference, outlined in an earlier statement of January 18, 1977, the members of the task force will approach their work in two phases. The first involves a review of all available relevant data, the submission and hearing of briefs as required by the task force from interested individuals and groups, and the submission of an initial report within three

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months of the beginning of the study. The study is scheduled to start ~~on or about~~ *on or about the 16th February*

Under the second phase, the task force will advise the Minister of the need for any additional data and further scientific research, and will assess the effectiveness of the current monitoring program.

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*the date of the 1st
meeting of the Task Force.*