

FALCONBRIDGE NICKEL MINES LIMITED

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: GOLD ARSENIC TASK FORCE*Get Sections
Stock Testing**Kill*

I had a brief discussion this morning with W.A. Lemmon of Environment Canada about this subject, during coffee break at another meeting. A memo I wrote to him last fall on sampling procedures and the results of the last Campbell tests have thrown him into a complete spin.

He now has research going on into sampling and losses in sampling trying to answer several glaring questions. He expects to call a full Task Force meeting in about May to review all the data to that time.

At the moment he is talking of Environment Canada taking another set of samples at Giant this summer using various sampling procedures or variations of the present procedure.

It seems at this time that there will be no specific number for discussion or publication until at least this fall. By then you should have a good appreciation of just what you can do over a long period.

It is obvious that he finally realizes that sampling very small quantities of a volatile contaminant is not as simple and straight forward as the previous Government test programs indicated.

I think all we can do at this time is wait and see what he comes up with as suggested action. I know you would anyway, but please ensure all is well with the Giant system in early summer in case he should propose a sample program on short notice.

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