



## Press Information

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#### **Average Arsenic Levels Up**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 4) —** Levels of arsenic in Yellowknife air increased during 1993, according to a report released today by the Department of Renewable Resources.

Arsenic levels rose to an annual average of 0.015 micrograms per cubic metre, up from previous averages that ranged between 0.006 to 0.010 from 1989 to 1992.

The information has been forwarded to Health Canada for assessment.

Levels of total arsenic in downtown Yellowknife air are routinely monitored by the department. The lowest levels of arsenic were measured during 1989 to 1992. Levels in 1993 were slightly less than they were in 1986.

The report notes that a survey of arsenic levels deposited in snow over the past winter shows that the highest concentration continues to be in the vicinity of Royal Oak Giant Mine.

Copies of the report can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Division at (403) 873-7654.

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