



# Project CLEANS News

FALL 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to the first issue of the Project CLEANS (Cleanup of Abandoned Northern Sites) newsletter!

This newsletter was developed in response to requests we have received from the communities for more information about Project CLEANS. Some topics we will cover include:

- Project CLEANS updates for Gunnar, Lorado and the Satellite Mine Sites
- Events – community meetings and leadership tours
- New videos, images and blog posts
- Team profiles – get to know the people working on Project CLEANS

**We encourage your input! This is your newsletter – let us know what information you would like to see in it or if you find it valuable.**

If you are new to Project CLEANS, here is an overview of the Project:

The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) is managing Project CLEANS — a multi-year remediation project to assess and reclaim Gunnar Uranium Mine and Mill site, Lorado Uranium Mill site and 35 satellite mine sites in northern Saskatchewan.

Being active in the communities is very important to SRC. We travel to northern communities throughout the year to present updates and workshops on the Project CLEANS remediation plans. To stay engaged with the communities, we use different approaches to ensure we are always in communication, such as radio, social media, emails to leadership and plenty of phone calls. We trust this newsletter will be a valuable addition to our communications with you and your communities.

We hope to see many of you this fall!

Sincerely,

Your Project CLEANS Team



## Gunnar Mine contract awarded!

Our procurement process is built on a commitment to fairness and transparency. Where practical, SRC will leverage local or regional resources and communicate when contracts are awarded.

We are pleased to announce the completion of our detailed review of all contractor proposals submitted for the Gunnar Tailings Remediation Project. Fond du Lac NUNA Joint Venture (FLNJV) was selected as the successful contractor.

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### Watch: Cleaning Up Lorado Mill

The Lorado Mill remediation project was a multi-year journey to reduce the risks to human health, wildlife and aquatic life at the site.

Watch the video at <http://src.nu/loradovideo>



### Read: Lorado Blog Post

As the Lorado Mill remediation draws to a close this summer, Dianne Allen (Lorado Project Manager) takes a moment to reflect on all that has been accomplished since remediation began in 2014.

Read Dianne's post at <http://src.nu/loradorecap>

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### STAY IN TOUCH

Follow SRC on social media! We post photos, RFP notices, project updates, videos and more.

Search for "Saskatchewan Research Council" on:



# PROJECT CLEANS UPDATE

Final remediation work at the former Lorado Mill Site was completed this past spring. SRC monitored vegetation this summer to assess the success of ecosystem recovery at areas left for natural recovery or seeded in 2015. Based on the monitoring results and input from local elders, SRC has adjusted revegetation plans. This fall, SRC plans to carry out seeding and fertilizer application at the tailings cover and other areas. In total, over 30 hectares are targeted for 2016.

Remediation was completed at eight legacy mine sites (Satellite Sites) and SRC will apply to transfer six of these sites to the Government of Saskatchewan's Institutional Control Program over this year and next. Remediation is progressing at nine sites near the Uranium City area.

SRC presented its preliminary remediation design plan for the Gunnar Other Site Aspects at meetings held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in April and August with leadership and representatives from Athabasca Basin communities. A tour of Gunnar was also held in August to familiarize community members with the site. Input from the communities and regulators was incorporated in the remediation plan. Meeting and engaging with communities, leadership and regulators continues to be a priority for this project as remediation plans are implemented. SRC will be in Ottawa in September for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's (CNSC) public hearing to discuss the Phase 2 hold point of the Gunnar Remediation Project related to Other Site Aspects.



## Aboriginal Mentorship Program

At SRC, we value positive, long-term relationships with Aboriginal communities. The Environmental Remediation team participates in and supports initiatives that benefit Aboriginal people. SRC's Aboriginal Mentorship Program (AMP), aims to connect Aboriginal post-secondary students in the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines, with SRC mentors in similar disciplines. This provides the students with hands-on opportunities to learn and grow both personally and professionally.

SRC's first AMP student was Thomas Lavergne. He is now a recent graduate and is currently a full-time employee at SRC. This summer, SRC was pleased to welcome three additional AMP students who are working on Project CLEANS.



**Mikaela Kilcup**

"I am from Stanley Mission. In the fall, I will be entering my final year as an Environmental Engineering student at the University of Saskatchewan. Growing up in the north, I have always had a great appreciation for the outdoors. I am also passionate about math and science. My goals are to work on the land, help the environment, and maintain ties to my Cree Culture."



**Joanne Durocher**

"Tansi, I am originally from Beauval, Saskatchewan. I completed my first year of studies in Environmental Engineering at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Moose Jaw. Working with SRC gives me the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. One message I want to share with our youth is: 'it is your decisions, not your conditions, that shape your life. May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.' Hai-hai."



**Curtis Theoret**

"I just finished my seventh year in Environmental Engineering/Computer Science (double major) with support from the Gabriel Dumont Institute. The Project CLEANS team works hard to ensure the remediation of the old mine sites is done the best way possible for the people and the environment of the area. Science and technology are great fields to work in for people who want to have a positive impact on society."



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