

Anvil Range, 2003 Project 18b, Assessment of Tailings Outside of Containment

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Dear Mr. Sedgwick

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Re: 40436 – Tailings Outside of Containment – Draft Report

Gartner Lee Limited is pleased to provide our draft report on the above noted project. Please note at this time, we have received all analytical data for the Down Valley area (Area 2) with the exception of the acid/base accounting results. Analytical results for Areas 1, 3 and 4 are also in progress.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly, GARTNER LEE LIMITED

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1. Introduction

In 2003 an Environmental Assessment (Deloitte & Touche Inc. and Gartner Lee Limited 2003) was completed for the Anvil Range Mine's Water Licence Renewal (Water Licence QZ03-059). The Environmental Assessment identified four area at the Faro Mine Site where mine process tailings were known to exist outside of containment facilities (e.g. the tailings impoundment). The purpose of this project it to identity the extent of these tailings deposits and their potential impact on the environment.

Details of the Anvil Range Mine complex history, development and environment is presented in the 2002 Baseline Information report that accompanies the 2002 Project Description (Gartner Lee Limited 2002)

1.1 Objective

The goal of this study is assess whether the tailings themselves, or tailings impact soils at the four areas of concern are having an effect on the environment. Furthermore, the objective is to determine mitigation measures are warranted in the short term while the Final Closure and Reclamation Plan is being developed. The specific objectives identified in the Water Licence Application for this project are:

- 1. Delineate the extent and depth of tailings (outside of containment)
- 2. Provide a geochemical characterization of the tailings; and
- 3. Evaluate the current impacts on water quality short term mitigation measures.

1.2 Scope of Work

The four areas where tailings are known to exist outside of containment and investigated as part of this project consist of (see Figure 1):

- Area 1: Emergency Tailings Areas adjacent to and below the mill site;
- Area 2: Down Valley Areas below the Cross Valley Dam (potentially impacted by the 1975 tailings spill);
- Area 3: East side of Original Impoundment (adjacent to the former copper sulphate/Bulk Explosives plant site and the North Fork Rose Creek diversion); and
- Area 4: Adjacent Rose Creek Diversion (between the upper length of the Rose Creek Diversion Canal and the Second Impoundment Dam).

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The scope of work included in this project consisted of:

- 1. Background review and interview with personnel familiar with site history (information used to develop the detailed work plan).
- 2. Design field investigations (represented by the work summarized herein).
- 3. Completion of field investigations, including:
 - Excavation of test pits using a rubber tired backhoe and collect of soil samples from Areas 1, 3 and 4;
 - Excavation of hand test pits and collection of soil samples in Area 2, the Down Valley area.
- 4. Analytical testing, including soil quality testing, leachability tests and acid/base accounting.
- 5. Completion of data analysis and reporting.

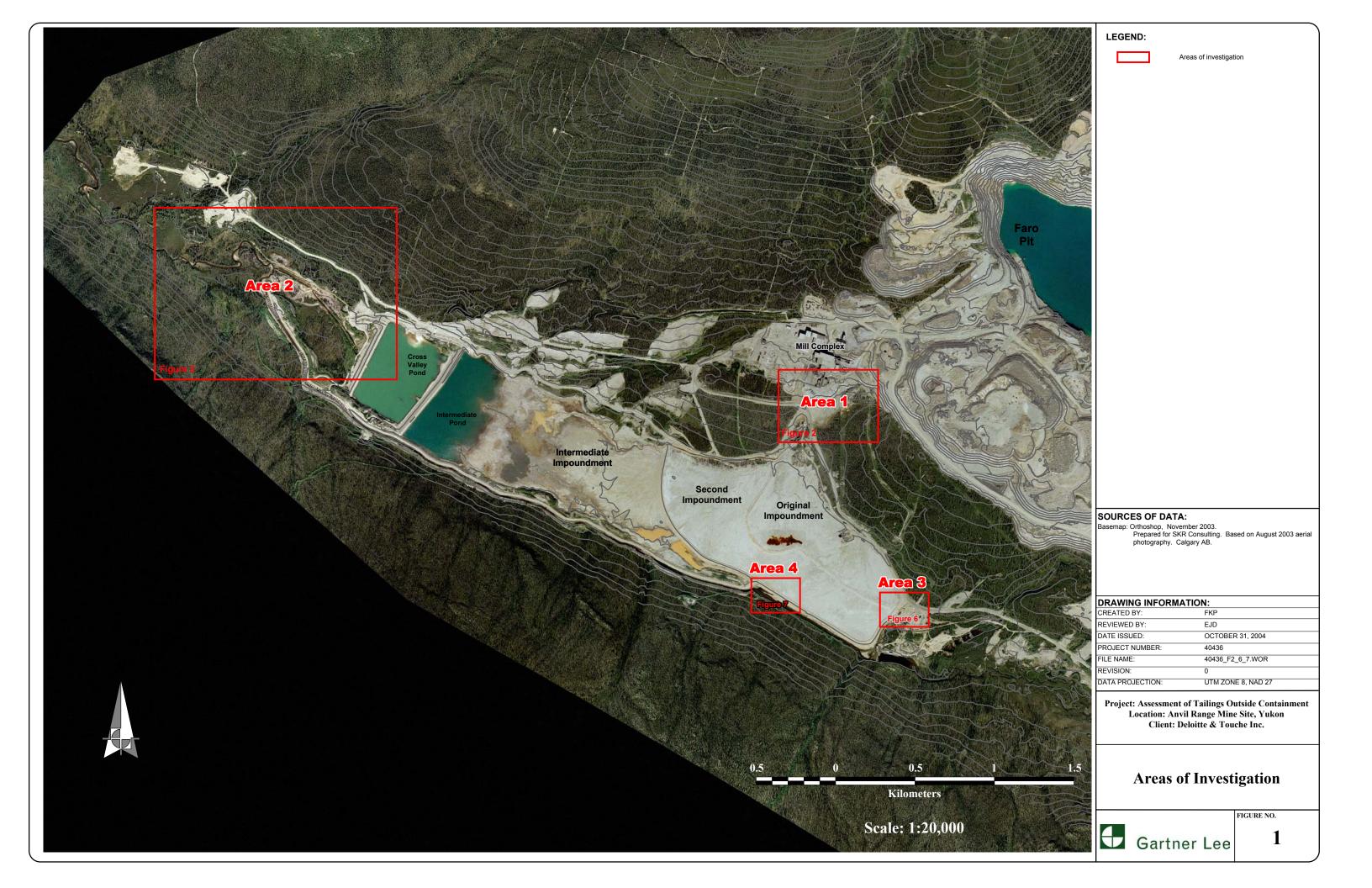
Specific project methodologies are presented in Appendix A of this report.

1.3 Regulatory Framework

Mine sites exist because of natural concentrations of metals in the environment—when these metal concentrations become high enough, a mineral deposit is defined and is the target of the mining activity. Therefore, it is expected that elevated concentrations of metals in soil will be found in the vicinity of the mineral occurrence or deposit. However, mining activities often exacerbate the distribution and mobility of the metals in the surrounding environment. Given this context, generic soil quality objectives are not applicable the site. Either site specific soil quality objectives (e.g. CCME Tier 2) or risk based soil quality objectives (e.g. CCME Tier 3) need to developed to determine acceptable concentrations of metals in the environment at the site. It is our understanding that this is being done through the closure planning process. In the interim and for the purposes of comparison and providing context, metal concentrations in soil have been compared to the CCME Tier 1 Soil Quality Guidelines (2002) and the Yukon Contaminated Site Regulation Soil Standards (Department of Environment 2002).

For Areas 1, 3 and 4, Industrial Land Use criteria are used. For Area 2, the Down Valley Area, the Parkland/Residential Land criteria have been used in consideration of the more un-controlled and undisturbed (wild land) nature of the Down Valley area. The soil quality guidelines and Standards used in this assessment are summarized in Table 1.

To assess mobility of contaminants of concern, a select subset of the soil samples were subjected to the Toxicity Characteristic Leach Procedure (TCLP). Under the Yukon's Special Waste Regulations, soils that produce leachate (from the TCLP) with concentrations of lead 5mg/L or greater are classified as a Special Waste. The Yukon does not have a leachate quality standard for zinc; for illustrative purposes only Alberta's leachate quality standard for zinc has been used.



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Standard	CC	ME		aminated Site lation	Special Waste Regulation			
Land Use	Parkland	Industrial	Parkland ¹	Industrial ¹				
Soil Quality								
Lead	140	600	150/250/500 ²	150/250/2000 2	-			
Zinc	200	360	150/300/450 ³	150/250/550 ³	_			
Leachate Qu	ality							
Lead	-	-	-	-	5 mg/L			
Zinc	-	-	-	-	500 mg/L			
					500 mg/L (guideline only) ⁴			

Table 1. Soil Quality Guidelines and Standards

Notes:

¹ Controlling site specific factor is groundwater flow to surface water used by aquatic life

² Standard is soil pH dependant: <5.5 / 5.5-6.0 />6.0 respectively

³ Standard is soil pH dependant: <6.0 / 6.0-6.5 / >6.5 respectively

⁴ From Alberta Special Waste Regulation. Leachate Quality Standards.

It is interesting to note that typically, the CCME guidelines tend to be more stringent than the Yukon's Contaminated Site Regulation Standards (YCSR). However, due to the low soil pHs found in many of the samples analyzed as part of this study, the YCSR Standards are frequently the more stringent soil quality objective.

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2. Tailings Investigations

2.1 Area 1 – Emergency Tailings Area

The emergency tailings area is located south and east of the Faro Mill. The tailings are deposited in the former Faro Creek valley and are contained by the Mine's access road (Figure 2). The surface area of tailings is approximately 39,000 m². Of this, approximately one third has been cover with 0.3 to 0.6 m of granular fill. Seepage from the Faro rock dumps, via the former Faro Creek channel (e.g. flow from X23) flows across the southern edge of the emergency tailings area.

2.1.1 Emergency Tailings Area Investigation

Volume of tailings in this area was determined by calculating the surface elevation difference between the 2003 site mapping (Orthoshop 2003) and the 1967 pre-mining contour mapping (provided by Robertson Geoconsultants). The tailings thickness is shown on Figure 2. Total tailings volume in the emergency tailing area is estimated at 86,500 m³ (including a 10% contingency)

A series of 9 test pits were excavated using a rubber tire mounted backhoe in the western portion of the emergency tailings area were excavated to confirm tailings thickness. Due to poor weather conditions at the time of the investigation, the remainder of the tailings area could not be accessed (equipment was sinking into the tailings and getting stuck). Test pit logs are provided in Appendix B.

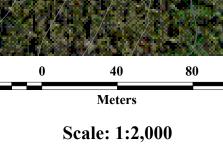
A series of 13 hand test pits were dug along the southern extent of the emergency tailings area to determine the lateral extent. Thickness of tailings in these test pits are also shown on Figure 2. Samples of the tailings and underlying native soil (if encountered) were collected for measurement of paste pH and paste conductivity. A select subset were submitted for chemical analysis (see Section 2.1.2).

2.1.2 Soil Quality Results

Soil quality testing results are still in progress and are not available at this time.



nple ID	Paste pH	Paste Cond. (uS)	Material Description	the state of the second
22 S1	1.88	9,740	Tailings	
22 S2	2.68	4,315	-	
22 S3	2.38	4,302		
23 S1	5.33	1,626		
23 S2	1.76	7,730		
23 S3	4.54	2,049		
23 S4	3.46	3,040	Tailings	
24 S1	0.83	10,030	Tailings	
24 S2	3.38	4,860	Tailings	
24 S3	3.26	9,550	Tailings	
25 S1	5.41	2,619	Gravel (some tailings)	
25 S2	3.23	4,212	Tailings	
25 S3	4.3	2,120	Tailings	Ore Concentrate Storage Bulding
25 S4	4.49	4,320	Tailings	(Will Complex)
26 S1	1.08	7,580	Tailings	
26 S2	3.57	5,980	Tailings	
26 S3	4.44	2,797	Tailings	
27 S1	2.37	5,070	Tailings	A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR
27 S2	4.52	10,640		
27 S3	4.05	1,375		
27 S4	4.86	2,678		A server to it will be
28 S1	2.21	5,160		
28 S2	3.46	3,241	Tailings	
28 S3	5.01	1,980		
29 S1	2.4	4,201		
29 S2	3.87	2,131		
29 S3	3.6	2,320		
30 S1	3.2	3,707		TP24
30 S2	4.03	2,585		TP23 C = 3m
30 S3	4.63	2,306		M ; 4 >4m (_ TP27)
31 S1	6.76		Clay/Gravel/Some org.	·// e
31 S2	6.4		Clay/Gravel/Org.	TP22
32 S1	6.36		Clay/Gravel	16m 6 1P25
32 S2	6.74		Glay/Gravel	>4m
33 S1	5.9		Clay/Mud/Some org.	TP29 >4m
33 S2	6.89		Clay/Sand	8-11/10 / ////
34 S1	6.75		Clay/Gravel/Org.	SRK04-04
34 S2	6.6		Clay/Gravel/Org.	6.4m
35 S1	6.4	375.7		
35 S2	5.69	253.5		SRK04-03 7.9m
36 S1	5.55	791		
36 S2	6.91	472.5		
37 S1	2.48	2,051	Clay/Mud/Some org.	
37 S2	2.95	1,154		
38 S1	5.68	1,134		TP42
38 S2	5.44	1,586		0.1m
39 S1	5.51	853	-	TP43 0.1m
39 S2	5.92	1,550		TP34
40 S1	6.17	646		State of the state
40 S 1 41 S1	2.29	1,511	Clay/Sand/Some org.	
41 S1 41 S2	5.98	497.1	Clay/Mud/Some org.	TP33 - 1 V
42 S1	1.4	4,263		TP31 TP32
42 S2	5.59	759		Om the second
43 S1	1.79	5,470		
43 S2	5.55	985	Clay/Gravel/Tailings	To Faro







East Mill

Junkyard

Test pit location Extent of tailings on surface Tailings thickness contours (1m) Groundwater monitoring well Surface water monitoring station Index contour (10m) Intermediate controur (2m)

EXAMPLE TEST PIT LABEL:



SOURCES OF DATA:

asemap: Orthoshop, November 2003. Prepared for SKR Consulting. Based on August 2003 aerial photography. Calgary AB.

Tailings thickness determined from 1967 premining contour mapping. Provided by Robertson Geoconsultants.

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FIGURE NO. 2

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2.1.3 Field Measurements

Results of paste pH and paste conductivity are shown on Figure 2. Paste pH of the tailings samples from this area ranged from 1.7 to 5.0. Soils underlying the tailings, where encountered, also had low pH, ranging 4.8 to 5.4. Furthermore, these underlying soils had realatively high paste conductivity, suggesting they are impacted by the overlying soils.

Soil along the south margin of Area 1 (test pits 31 to 36) had paste pH ranging from 5.5 to 6.9. Soils underlying shallow tailings in this area (test pits 37 to 43) also had low pH, suggesting impact by the overlying tailings.

2.1.3.1 Chemical Analysis Results

Chemical analytical results are not available at this time.

2.1.3.2 Leachability Testing

Results of leachability testing are not available at this time.

2.1.3.3 Acid/Base Accounting

Results of acid/base accounting are not available at this time.



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2.2 Area 2 – Down Valley Area

For the purposes of this report, the Down Valley area refers to the Rose Creek valley downstream of the Cross Valley Dam. This area has been impacted by a major tailings spill that occurred in March 1975. This spill occurred when the Second Impoundment Dam failed, releasing a slurry of tailings and dam core material down the valley. As the landscape was snow and ice covered at the time, the spill moved down the valley, over the ice, spreading across the low lying land adjacent to the creek. In many location, the spill often cutting across meanders and generally flowing a direct path down the valley (as opposed to following the meandering stream channel). The spill was observed to have moved very far down stream, and could be detected in Rose Creek channel as far downstream as Anvil Creek. (G. Whitley, pers. comm, 2004).

Today, there are obvious areas of killed and stressed vegetation (kill zones) in the area between the Cross Valley Dam and the end of the Rose Creek Diversion (X14). The extent of the major kill zone areas are shown on Figure 3. Further downstream of X14, there are many areas of stressed vegetation and dead trees that appear to also have been impacted by the spill. These areas are identified as "Intermittent Kill Zones" on Figure 3.

2.2.1 Down Valley Area Investigation

A series of 10 transects across the valley were completed in early October 2004. The first transect ("Line A") was in the undisturbed area at the toe of the Cross Valley Dam. The last transect completed ("Line O") was approximately 1.1 km downstream of the Cross Valley Dam. Along each transect, hand test pits were excavated approximately every 125 m. At each location, two or three soil samples were collected. The first sample was always collected from the top 0.1 m.

The largest kill zone extends from the end of the spillway, along the former Rose Creek channel to the end of the Rose Creek Diversion (X10 site). Over most of this area, all vegetation has been killed and there is no new re-growth. Soils are bare and very rusty coloured at depth. No visible tailings were found anywhere in the Down Valley area. It is assumed that originally a thin veneer of tailings were deposited during the spill, and now these tailings have completed oxidized such that they are not visibly distinguishable from the underlying native soil. In some areas such as Test Pit E3, a 0.1 m thick layer of light grey clayey silt was observed overlying a fibrous organic layer. It is assumed that this overlying soil represents the weathered tailings spill material.

2.2.2 Down Valley Soil Quality Results

Preliminary results of soil quality testing are presented on Figure 3.

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2.2.2.1 Chemical Analysis Results

Samples from most test pits were analyzed for soil pH and lead and zinc concentrations. Five samples, representing a range of site conditions and lead/zinc contamination were analyzed for a suite of metals. Overall, soils were observed to be very acidic (see Table 5). For purposes of description, soils have been grouped into four broad categories at this time:

- Surface soils from kill zones (top 0.1 m)
- Deep soils from kill zones (samples from below 0.1 m)
- Surface soils from non-kill zones (top 0.1 m)
- Deep soils from non-kill zones (samples from below 0.1 m).

Soil pH from kill zones were quite low, with a median pH of 4.0 to 3.6 and an lower quartile pH of 3.3 to 2.8 (surface and deeper soils respectively). The deeper soils are slightly more acidic that the surface soils, so it appear that the deeper soils have been impacted from acidic leachate from the surficial tailings spill. Surface soil samples (19 samples) from the areas that did not appear to be obvious kill zones (e.g. upland areas) had a median pH of 6.6 and an upper and lower quartile of 8.3 and 5.8 respectively. So, generally non-kill zone soil samples are slightly acidic, but not to the degree seen in the kill zone area.



	YCSR	CCME
Pb	150/250/500 ¹	140
Zn	150/300/450 ²	200

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A total of 85 soils samples from this area have been analyzed to date. Of these, 34 samples exceed the Yukon Contaminated Sites Regulation (YCSR) Parkland Use Standard for Lead (31 samples exceeded the CCME Parkland guideline). Due to low soil pH, the YCSR Standards are typically more stringent than the CCME guidelines. 34 samples exceed the YCSR Parkland Use Standard for Zinc (31 samples exceeded the CCME Parkland guideline). Location of samples exceeding guidelines/Standards are highlighted on Figure 3.

The statistical distribution of lead and zinc concentrations in soils are illustrated on Figure 4 and Figure 5 respectively. Components of these statistical distribution figures are as follows:

- Metal concentrations grouped by the four main soil categories (kill zones surface, kill zones deep, non-kill zones surface and non-kill zones deep).
- The purple bars represents the upper and lower quartiles of contaminant concentrations (e.g. 50% of samples).
- The whiskers illustrate maximum and minimum concentrations observed.
- Median and mean concentrations are shown with a horizontal bar and a dot respectively.
- CCME parkland and industrial soil quality guidelines as red horizontal lines.
- The YCSR Parkland Standards are shown as a yellow shaded area as the Standard varies with soil pH.

From these figures, a number of observations can be drawn:

<u>Lead in Soil</u>

- 75% of samples from the surface soils in kill zones contained lead concentrations in excess of the CCME parkland guideline and YCSR parkland Standards.
- 75% of deep soil samples form this kill zones did not exceed the lead guideline/Standard. This indicates that the lead deposited by the tailings spill appears to remain in the top 0.1 m of soil and has not migrated downward, impacting underlying soils.
- In the non-kill zones, 25% of samples exceeded the lead guideline/Standard.

Zinc in Soil

- 60% of samples from the surface soils in kill zones contained zinc concentrations in excess of the CCME parkland guideline and YCSR parkland Standards.
- 75% of deep soil samples from the kill zones did *not* exceed the zinc guideline/Standard.
- 40% of samples from the surface soils in non-kill zones contained zinc concentrations in excess of the CCME parkland guideline and YCSR parkland Standards.
- 70% of deep soil samples from the non-kill zones did *not* exceed the zinc guideline/Standard.
- The median concentration of zinc in surface soils is imilar in kill zone areas and non-kill zone areas (186 and 215 ppm respectively).

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- Surface soils in non-kill zones had a wider range of zinc concentrations relative to kill-zones. The highest zinc in soil concentration were 659 and 743 ppm, collected from test pits C2 and C3. Both of these are located the former Rose Creek channel, and are identified as an "intermittent kill zone".
- Overall, zinc concentrations are low, relative to the zinc concentration in the source (e.g. original zinc concentration in tailings). This suggest that the majority of the zinc in surface soils impacted by tailings has been leached out. This is consistent with the low soil pH observed.
- The elevated zinc concentrations in non-kill zones is likely due to either:
 - a) Tailings spill impacts to areas that do not show obvious signs of impact (e.g. no sign of stressed vegetation); and/or
 - b) Air-born deposition of zinc to upland (non-kill zone) areas;

<u>Total Metals</u>

Five samples were analyzed for a larger suite of metals. Results are summarized on Table 5b. From these samples, the following observations are made:

- All five samples exceed the CCME guideline for arsenic; only sample TP3-S2 did not exceed the YCSR Parkland Standard for arsenic. Highest arsenic concentrations (214 and 111 ppm) corresponded to the samples with the highest lead concentrations (6,260 and 2,240 ppm lead for samples TPE3-S1 and TP I2-S1 respectively).
- Two samples had exceedence in barium, however these corresponded with the samples with relatively lower concentration of other metals (arsenic, copper and lead). This suggest the barium maybe naturally occurring.
- All five samples exceed the CCME guideline for copper. Two samples, TP3-S2 and TPM1-S1 did not exceed the YCSR Parkland Standard for copper. Highest copper concentrations (162 and 124 ppm) corresponded to the samples with the highest lead concentrations (6,260 and 2,240 ppm lead for samples TPE3-S1 and TP I2-S1 respectively).
- Mercury exceeded the YCSR Parkland Standard (but not the CCME Parkland guideline) for sample TPE3-S1. This was also the sample with the highest lead concentration.
- Both antimony and molybdenum exceeded both the YCSR and CCME Standards/guidelines in sample TPC3-S2. However, this sample had relatively low concentrations of other metals of concern. As this sample was collected from the bed of the former Rose Creek channel, it could be related of natural fluvial deposition in the area.

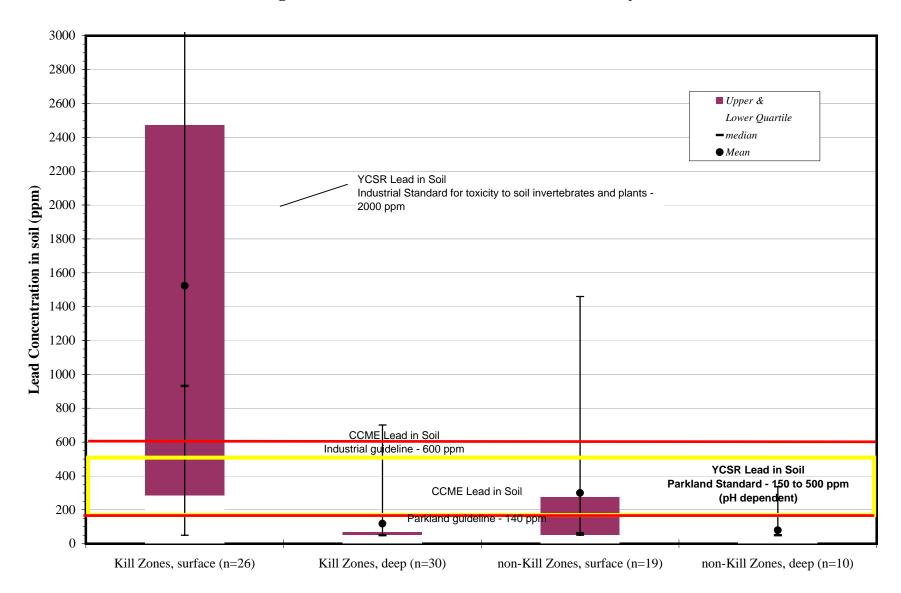
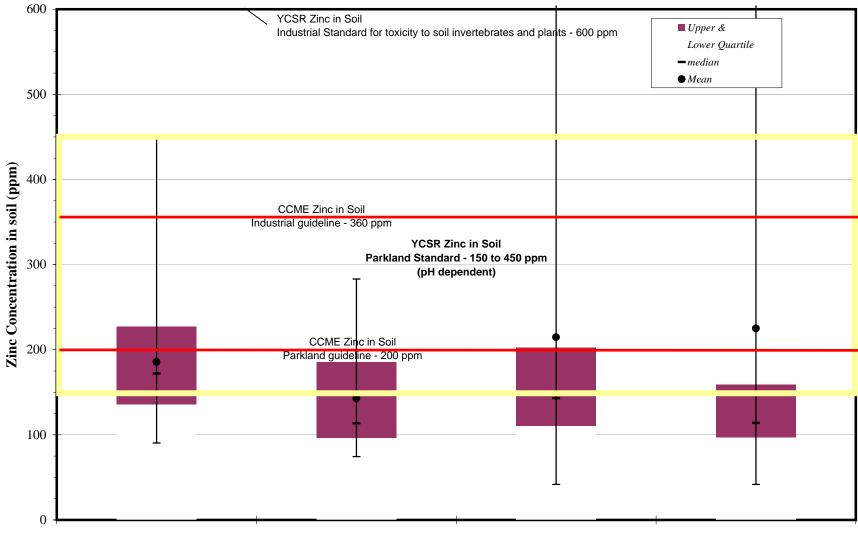


Figure 4. Lead Concentrations in Down Valley Area





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2.2.2.2 Leachability Testing

Five samples were submitted for metal leabaility testing. The samples represent a range of contamination found in the Down Valley area. Samples were submitted to the Toxicity Characteristic Leach Procedure (TCLP). The TCLP and criteria defined by the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act is used to define soils as "Special Waste" under the Yukon's Special Waste Regulation. For parameters that are not inluded in the TDG, the Alberta Waste Control Regulation leachate critera were used for comparative purposes. Results of the testing are presented in Table 6 along with the applicable Standards and guidelines.

No samples analyzed from the Down Valley area produced a leachate with concentrations of metals of concern greater than the applicable Standards/guidelines. The reason for this lack of extractable metals could be that all mobile and leachable metals have already been leached from the soil (due to the low soil pH), and the remaining metals are relatively immobile. This suggests that leaving contaminated soils insitu may be a viable remedial alternative that should be considered.

2.2.2.3 Acid/Base Accounting

Results of acid/base accounting are not available at this time.

2.2.3 Down Valley Area Summary

Overall, this investigation found that soils in low land areas and obvious kill zones areas have very low pH. The most significant kill zones lie between the Cross Valley Dam and X14, however the furthest downstream transect (1.1 km down from the dam) identified stressed vegetation and killed undergrowth in the forest. The terrestrial impact from this spill likely extends to low lying and depositional sites further downstream than the area covered in the current investigation. Although there are many indicators of tailings impact (stressed and dead vegetation, rusty coloured soil, etc.), no visibly obvious tailings were found. Approximately 48 ha of major kill zones have been identified. An additional 43 ha of "intermittent kill zones" exist between the Cross Valley Dam and X14.

Elevated zinc concentrations are observed across the down valley area and do not appear to be limited to areas obviously impacted by the tailings spill. High lead concentrations are observed in kill zone areas and appears to be generally limited to the top 0.1 m of soil. Elevated metal concentrations in the soil appear to be relatively immobile and all leachable metals appear to have been removed from the soil at this time. Using a surface area of 48 ha, it is estimated that the in-situ volume contaminated soil volume of the major kill zones is at least $5,000 \text{ m}^3$.

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Area 3 – East Side of Original Impoundment

Area 3 is located between eastern Original Tailings Impoundment dyke and the former BXL & Copper Sulphate plant sites. The tailings are primarily drifted against the dyke. (Figure 2). The surface area of tailings spill in this area is approximately $2,100 \text{ m}^2$. In the BXL yard, elevated lead and zinc concentrations in soils were found. This could potentially be related to drifting, speading and tracking of tailings across the BXL yard from the exposed tailings at Area 3.

2.2.4 East of Original Impoundment Area Investigation

A series of 12 test pits were excavated using a rubber tire mounted backhoe in the areas of exposed tailings to determine tailings thickness. Test pits were excavated until underlying ("native") soils were encountered such that these soils could be sampled. Testpits 10 through 12 were excavated to determine the eastward extent of impacted soil in the area. Test pit logs are provided in Appendix B.

Thickness of tailings observed in test pits is shown on Figure 6. The volume of tailings in this area is estimated at 740 m^3 .

Samples of the tailings and underlying native soil (if encountered) were collected for measurement of paste pH and paste conductivity. A select subset were submitted for chemical analysis.

2.2.5 Soil Quality Results

Soil quality testing results are still in progress and are not available at this time.

2.2.6 Field Measurements

Results of paste pH and paste conductivity are shown on Figure 6. Paste pH of the tailings samples from this area were typically on the order of 1.5 (test pits 1 through 9). Soils underlying the tailings were often a mix of gravel and tailings and also had low pH. Furthermore, these underlying soils had relatively high paste conductivity, suggesting they are impacted by the overlying soils.

Soil along the southeast side of Area 3 (test pits 10, 11 and 12) had paste pH ranging from 1.8 to 4.3. The paste conductivity of samples from these three pits were significantly lower than the tailings area. The low pH of the soils, particularly the surface samples, suggest spreading and dispersion of the tailings across the former BXL plant yard to the southeast.

2.2.6.1 Chemical Analysis Results

Chemical analytical results are not available at this time.

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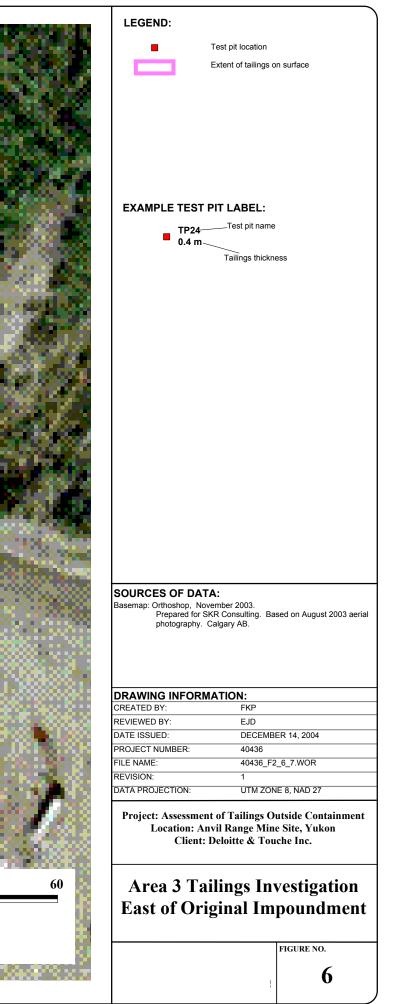
2.2.6.2 Leachability Testing

Results of leachability testing are not available at this time.

2.2.6.3 Acid/Base Accounting

Results of acid/base accounting are not available at this time.

	Paste pH		Material Description		
9 02 S4	3.52		Gravel/Tailings		
9 03 S1	2.57		Clay		
9 03 S2	2.49		Gravel/Tailings		
9 03 S3	3.08		Gravel		
04 S1	1.5	8,010	Clay/Sand (?)		
04 S2	2.38	976	Gravel/Tailings		
04 S3	2.16	2,450			
05 S3	1.58		Gravel		
05 S1	1.49				
05 S2	0.71	8,890			
06 S1	1.54		Sand/Clay/Tailings		
06 S2	1.77 2.31			— Original	
00 SS	1.4	2,940	Gravel/Tailings Clay/Sand/Tailings	Impoundment in the second s	
07 S1	2.15		Gravel/Tailings		
07 S2	1.96		Gravel/Tailings		
07 S4	2.16		Gravel/Tailings (Rusty)		
08 S1	1.44		Gravel/Clay		
08 S2	2.44		Gravel/Tailings		
08 S3	2.82		Gravel/Tailings (Rusty)	TP1 0.5m	
09 S1	1.85				
09 S2	2.2	3,224	Gravel/Sand		
09 S3	3.24	1,020	Gravel/Tailings	TP2	
10 S1	1.79		Clay/Gravel	TP2 0.7m	
10 S2	2.09		Gravel/Tailings/Clay	TP3	
10 S3	3.85		-	TP5 0.1m	
11 S1	2.54				637
11 S2	2.88		Gravel	TP4 0.1m	
11 S3	3.86		Gravel/Tailings		
12 S1 12 S2	2.76 3.16		Clay/Gravel Gravel	TP7 0.4m	
12 S2	4.36		Gravel/Tailings	TP3	
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2.3 Area 4 – Adjacent Rose Creek Diversion

Area 4 is located between the Second Tailings Impoundment dyke and the original Rose Creek Diversion canal. The tailings are primarily drifted against the dyke (Figure 7) and are report to have been deposited during a spill which occurred during the night when the tailings overtopped the dam (B. McAlpine, pers. comm., 2004). The surface area of tailings spill in this area is approximately 780 m².

2.3.1 Adjacent Rose Creek Diversion Investigation

A series of 9 test pits were excavated using a rubber tire mounted backhoe in the areas of exposed tailings to determine tailings thickness. Test pits were excavated until underlying ("native") soils were encountered such that these soils could be sampled. Testpits 17 through 21 were excavated to determine the lateral extent of impact soil in the area. Test pit logs are provided in Appendix B.

Thickness of tailings observed in test pits is shown on Figure 7. The volume of tailings in this area is estimated at 580 m^3 .

Samples of the tailings and underlying native soil (if encountered) were collected for measurement of paste pH and paste conductivity. A select subset were submitted for chemical analysis.

2.3.2 Soil Quality Results

Soil quality testing results are still in progress and are not available at this time.

2.3.3 Field Measurements

Results of paste pH and paste conductivity are shown on Figure 7. Paste pH of the tailings samples from this area were ranged from 1.7 to 2.8 (test pits 13 through 16). Soils underlying the had paste pH rangine from 2.8 to 3.3. The low paste pH and suggests underlying soils are impacted by the overlying tailings.

Soil outside the extent of observed tailings in Area 4 (test pits 19 to 21) had paste pH ranging from 2.1 to 3.6. The paste conductivity of samples from these step-out test pits were similar to soil samples collected from beneath the spilled tailings. The low pH of the soils and high conductivity of the surface samples suggest that spreading and dispersion of the tailings across this area.

2.3.3.1 Chemical Analysis Results

Chemical analytical results are not available at this time.

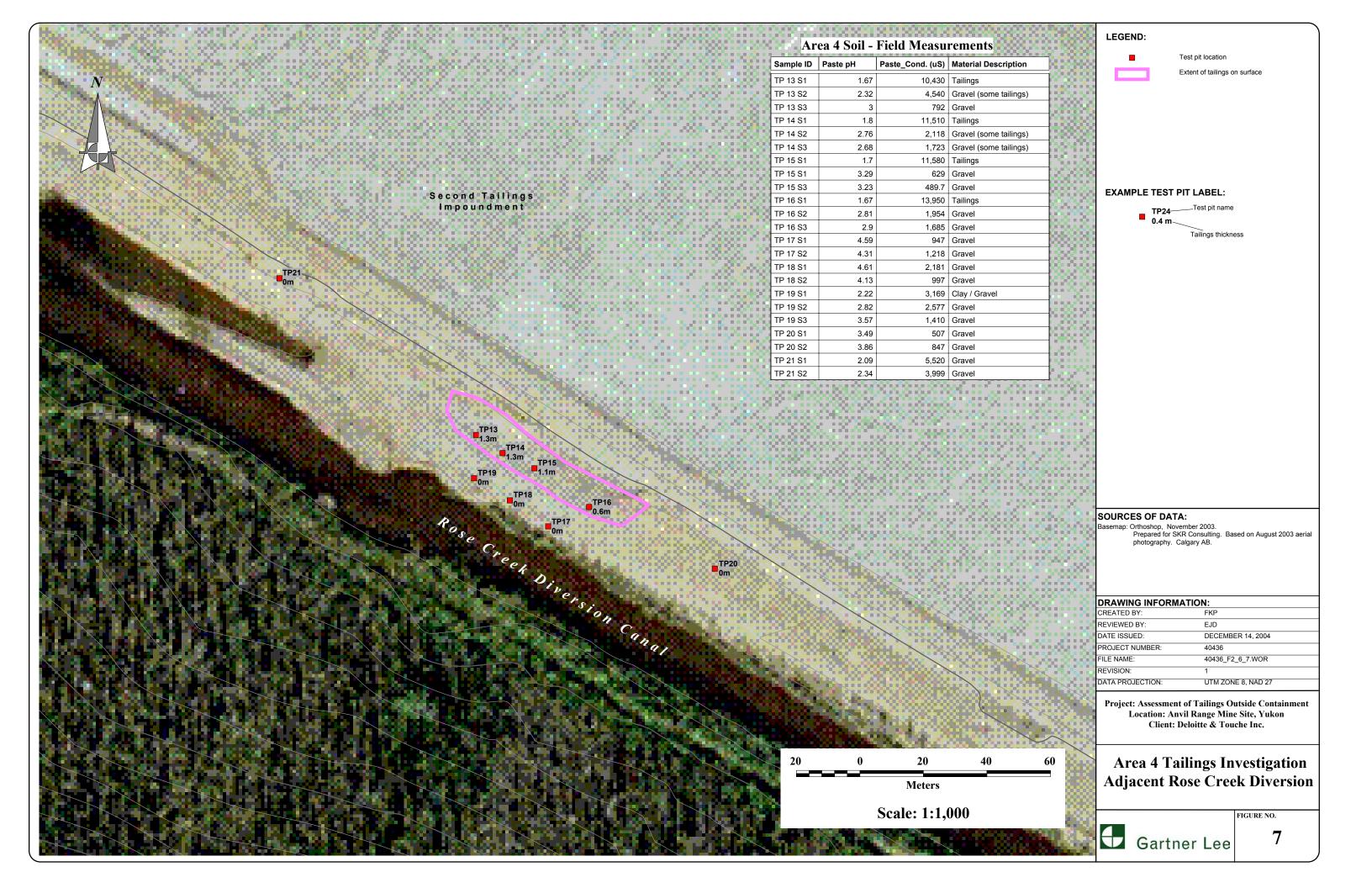
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2.3.3.2 Leachability Testing

Results of leachability testing are not available at this time.

2.3.3.3 Acid/Base Accounting

Results of acid/base accounting are not available at this time.



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3. Conclusions and Recommendations

3.1 Conclusions

3.1.1 Area 1 – Emergency Tailing Area

Approximately 86,500 m³ of tailings lie in the emergency a tailings area (Area 1). Along the eastern edge of the tailings, soils underlying the tailings have a low pH, suggesting impact by the overlying tailings. All water from Area 1 is flowing to the Intermediate tailings pond.

3.1.2 Area 2 – Down Valley Area

Soils in low land areas and obvious kill zones areas of Area 2 have very low soil pH.

- Although there are many indicators of tailings impact (stressed and dead vegetation, rusty coloured soil, etc.), no visibly obvious tails were found.
- The most significant kill zones lie between the Cross Valley Dam and X14, and is approximately 48 ha in area.
- Intermittent kill zones extend more than 1.1 km downstream from the Cross Valley Dam. The total downstream extent of land areas impacted by the tailing spill has not been determined.
- Elevated zinc concentrations are observed across the Down Valley area and do not appear to be limited to areas obviously impacted by the tailings spill.
- High lead concentrations are observed in kill zone areas and appears to be generally limited to the top 0.1 m of soil.
- Elevated metal concentrations in the soil appear to be relatively immobile and all leachable metals appear to have been removed from the soil at this time. Leachate extract from the TCLP test did not contain concentrations of metals, lead in particular, greater than the applicable Standards and guidelines.
- All five sample analyzed for arsenic and copper exceed the CCME Parkland guideline for this parameter.
- Elevated concentrations of arsenic, copper and mercury appear to be associated with elevated lead concentrations in soil
- It is estimated that the in-situ volume contaminated soil volume of the major kill zones is at least 5,000m³ (using a surface area of 48 ha.)

3.1.3 Area 3 – East of Original Impoundment

• The volume of tailings outside of containment at Area 3 area is estimated at 740 m³.

3.1.4 Area 4 – Adjacent Rose Creek Diversion

• The volume of tailings outside of containment at Area 4 area is estimated at 580 m³.

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3.2 Recommendations

Based on the interim conclusions of this study, it is recommended that:

- 1. Site specific or risk based soil quality objectives be determined for this site in order to meaningfully assess soil quality impact. We understand that this is being undertaken through the closure planning process.
- 2. A restorations options assessment be completed for the Down Valley area. The focus of any restoration planing in this area should initially focus on the major kill zone area. Options could include removal, in-situ stabilization (soil amendment) and/or capping. This could include test plots in the affected area to assess in-situ remediation methods.
- 3. Management of the Emergency Tailings Area tailings should be assessed as part of the long-term site management plan. As impacted water from this area is currently and will continue to be collected and treated, other short-term management options for this area are not likely warranted. However, the area maybe suitable for field testing of methods.
- 4. Tailings lying outside of containment in Areas 3 and 4 should be excavated and placed inside the tailings impoundment. The volume of tailings in these areas are relatively small and therefore simple relocation and backfilling with clean fill is the recommended interim management option.

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Transect A												
Sample ID	Sample ID Parkland		TPA1-S1	TPA2-S1	TPA3-S1	TPA3-S2	TPA4-S1	TPA4-S2	TPA5-S1	TPA6-S1	TPA7-S1	
Date Sampled	Guide	elines/Standards	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	
Sample Depth (m)	Sample Depth (m) CCME YCSR		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.35	0.1	0.4	0.01	0.1	0.1	
Is sample from kill	zone?				kill	kill	kill	kill				
Physical Tests												
pH			8.31	8.27	3.80	4.80	3.77	4.12	6.43	7.34	6.38	
Total Metals												
Lead T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	213	82	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	171	
Zinc T-Zn	200	150/300/450 2	244	143	107	140	144	109	168	156	245	

Transect C

Sample ID	Pa	arkland	TPC1-S1	TPC2-S1	TPC3-S1	TPC3-S2	TPC4-S1
Date Sampled	Guidelir	nes/Standards	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004
Sample Depth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.25	0.1
Is sample from kill zone?							
Physical Tests							
pH			8.47	8.79	5.16	8.06	-
Total Metals							
Lead T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	53	69	<50	336	-
Zinc T-Zn	200	150/300/450 2	124	518	187	659	-

Transect E

Sample ID		Parkland		TPE1-S1	TPE2-S1	TPE2-S2	TPE3-S1	TPE3-S2	TPE4-S1	TPE4-S2	TPE5-S1
Date San	pled	Guidelines/Standards		9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004
Sample De	epth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.1	0.25	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1
Is sample	from kill zone?				kill	kill	kill	kill	kill	kill	
Physical Tests											
pH				6.47	2.98	3.69	2.56	2.59	3.40	4.96	6.35
Total Met	als										
Lead	T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	<50	336	<50	6260	61	4510	330	<50
Zinc	T-Zn	200	150/300/450 ²	139	177	152	158	75.2	94.5	178	106

Transect G

Sample ID	Parkland		TPG1-S1	TPG2-S1	TPG2-S2	TPG3-S1	TPG3-S2	TPG4-S1	TPG4-S2	TPG5-S1	TPG5-S2	TPG6-S1
Date Sampled	Guidelin	es/Standards	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004
Sample Depth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.35	0.1	0.25	0.05	0.1	0.1
Is sample from kill zone?				kill	kill	kill	kill	kill	kill	kill	kill	
Physical Tests												
pH			4.09	3.18	3.21	4.21	3.95	2.42	2.75	2.81	2.83	4.99
Total Metals												
Lead T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	712	449	701	513	275	794	<50	1100	<50	224
Zinc T-Zn	200	150/300/450 2	169	241	283	193	<u>183</u>	228	214	90.4	97.9	118

Transec	t I										
Sample I	D	Parkland		TPI1-S1	TPI2-S1	TPI3-S1	TPI3-S2	TPI4-S1	TPI4-S1R	TPI5-S1	TPI6-S1
Date San	npled	Guidelin	es/Standards	9/28/2004	9/29/2004	9/28/2004	9/28/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
Sample D	epth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.25	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Is sample	from kill zone?				kill	kill	kill				
Physical 7	Fests										
pH				8.31	2.67	2.92	2.70	8.29	8.32	8.31	4.54
Total Met	als										
Lead	T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	<50	2240	1270	<50	<50	<50	<50	379
Zinc	T-Zn	200	150/300/450 ²	123	268	300	96.5	110	125	174	118

Transect J

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Sample ID	Parkland		TPJ1-S1	TPJ1-S2	TPJ2-S1	TPJ2-S1R	TPJ3-S1	TPJ3-S2	TPJ4-S1	TPJ4-S2	TPJ5-S1	TPJ5-S2
Date Sampled	Guidelin	es/Standards	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
Sample Depth	CCME	YCSR	0.05	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.25	0.1	0.25	0.1	0.3
Is sample from kill zone?			kill									
Physical Tests												
pH			2.44	2.65	3.40	3.41	2.62	3.72	3.93	4.52	3.71	5.14
Total Metals												
Lead T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	2550	<50	269	50	3790	70	2930	87	3500	<50
Zinc T-Zn	200	150/300/450 ²	275	95.6	96.9	111	145	80.0	225	272	257	192

Transec	et K									
Sample I	ID	Parkland		TPK1-S1	TPK2-S1	TPK2-S2	TPK3-S1	TPK3-S2	TPK4-S1	TPK4-S2
Date Sar	mpled	Guidelin	es/Standards	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
Sample D	Depth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4
Is sample	from kill zone?				kill	kill			kill	kill
Physical '	Tests									
pН				4.41	2.87	3.22	3.36	3.57	4.01	5.38
Total Me	tals									
Lead	T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	459	399	<50	882	<50	3570	51
Zinc	T-Zn	200	150/300/450 2	215	103	95.1	167	116	134	129

Transect	L
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Sample ID	Pa	rkland	TPL1-S1	TPL1-S1R	TPL2-S1	TPL2-S2
Date Sampled	Guidelines/Standards		9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
Sample Depth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Is sample from kill zone?			kill	kill	kill	kill
Physical Tests						
pH			3.65	3.72	4.34	6.01
Total Metals						
Lead T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	217	358	250	<50
Zinc T-Zn	200	150/300/450 ²	140	176	177	137

Transect M

Sample I	D	Parkland		TPM1-S1	TPM2-S1	TPM3-S1	TPM3-S2	TPM4-S1	TPM4-S1R	TPM5-S1
Date Sam	pled	Guidelin	es/Standards	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
Sample De	epth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Is sample	from kill zone?			kill		kill	kill	kill	kill	kill
Physical T	ests									
pH				5.71	5.57	3.15	3.85	3.31	3.44	5.03
Total Met	als									
Lead	T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	1070	74	1460	62	590	75	118
Zinc	T-Zn	200	150/300/450 ²	452	183	184	144	167	132	221

Transect O

Sample ID	mple ID Parl		TPO1-S1	TPO1-S2	TPO2-S1	TPO2-S2
Date Sampled	Guidelines/Standards		9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
Sample Depth	CCME	YCSR	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4
Is sample from kill zone?			kill	kill	kill	kill
Physical Tests						
pH			3.20	3.68	3.60	4.36
Total Metals						
Lead T-Pb	140	150/250/500 1	104	55	1210	<50
Zinc T-Zn	200	150/300/450 ²	108	93.9	140	100

Notes:

Results are expressed as milligrams per dry kilogram except where noted. indicates less than the detection limit indicated. ¹ Standard is pH dependant <5.5/5.5-6.0/>6.0 ² Standard is pH dependant <6.0/6.0-6.5/>6.5

bold Exceedance of CCME Exceedance of YCSR italic

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Table 5b. Total Metals in Soil - Down Valley Area Assessment of Tailings Outside of Containment - Faro Mine

Sample ID	Par	kland	TPC3-S2	TPE3-S1	TPG2-S2	TPI2-S1	TPM1-S1
Date Sampled	Guideline	s/Standards	9/28/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
Sample Depth (m)	CCME	YCSR	0.25	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
pН			8.06	2.56	3.21	2.67	5.71
Antimony T-Sb	20	20	21	17	<10	13	<10
Arsenic T-As	12	35	26.0	214	55.4	111	44.8
Barium T-Ba	500	500	577	252	192	398	1780
Beryllium T-Be	4	4	0.76	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	0.85
Cadmium T-Cd	10	1.5/2.58/35 1	0.79	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	1.36
Chromium T-Cr	64	60	55.1	16.6	20.3	28.5	35.1
Cobalt T-Co	50	50	15.6	3.3	7.8	6.8	14.1
Copper T-Cu	63	90/100/150 ²	139	162	93.2	124	94.1
Lead T-Pb	140	150/250/500 ³	336	6260	701	2240	1070
Mercury T-Hg	6.6	2	0.204	4.87	0.865	1.81	0.863
Molybdenum T-Mo	10	10	12.0	5.2	<4.0	<4.0	<4.0
Nickel T-Ni	100	100	57.1	13.7	18.4	22.9	35.5
Selenium T-Se	3	3	2.5	2.4	<2.0	<2.0	2.4
Silver T-Ag	20	20	<2.0	14.5	2.3	4.0	<2.0
Tin T-Sn	50	50	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0
Vanadium T-V	130	200	48.3	54.6	26.4	43.7	33.9
Zinc T-Zn	200	150/200/450 4	659	158	283	268	452

Notes: **bold, itallics** Parameter exceed CCME Parkland Guideline

itallics Parameter exceed YCSR Parkland Standard only

¹ IF pH <6.0/6.0-<6.5/6.5-<7.0/>=7.0

³ IF pH <5.5/5.5-<6.0/>=6.0

⁴ IF pH <6.0/6.0-<6.5/>=6.5



Table 6. Leachability Testing Results in Area 2 – Down Valley Area Assessment of Tailings Outside of Containment - Faro Mine

Sample ID	Leacha	te Extract	TPE3-S1	TPJ2-S1	TPM3-S1	TP01-S1	TPI2-S1
Date Sampled	Standard	s/Guidelines	9/28/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004	9/29/2004
	Yukon ¹	Alberta ²					
Antimony Sb	-	500	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Arsenic As	2.5	5	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Barium Ba	100	100	<2.5	<2.5	<2.5	<2.5	<2.5
Beryllium Be	-	5	< 0.025	< 0.025	< 0.025	< 0.025	< 0.025
Boron B	500	500	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50
Cadmium Cd	0.5	1	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050
Calcium Ca	-	-	3.71	1.47	1.64	1.68	0.66
Chromium Cr	5	5	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25
Cobalt Co	-	100	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050
Copper Cu	-	100	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050	< 0.050
Iron Fe	-	1000	0.62	0.35	0.53	0.26	< 0.15
Lead Pb	5	5	0.48	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25
Magnesium Mg	-	-	1.11	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50
Mercury Hg	0.1	0.2	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
Nickel Ni	-	5	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25
Selenium Se	1	1	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Silver Ag	-	5	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25	< 0.25
Thallium Tl	-	5	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Vanadium V	-	100	< 0.15	< 0.15	< 0.15	< 0.15	< 0.15
Zinc Zn	-	500	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50

Notes:

all units in mg/L unless otherwise noted ¹ From Appendix 4 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations

² From Table 2 - Alberta Waste Control Regulation Schedule 1