



Q&A Adapting Indigenous Engagement Strategies in Mine Site Remediation

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1	Great presentation. Would you say your general approach can be used with other abandoned mine sites?	Absolutely. The approach of adjusting engagement and inclusion strategies as a project moves through phases could be applied to any project. However, it is essential to pay close attention to each community's unique concerns, priorities and needs. Historical context, the knowledge and memories of local Elders, lived experiences and other community-specific factors must be carefully considered, respected and meaningfully addressed throughout the process.
2	How do you adapt engagement strategies when Indigenous communities are internally diverse with multiple groups or traditional authorities?	All communities are diverse and no one person or group can speak for the whole community. SRC often starts by engaging chief and council and then asks who else we should be speaking with. We hold general open community meetings and try to advertise widely so interested parties can attend. This provides multiple opportunities to try and capture a broad range of perspectives and ideas for the project.
3	How does climate change affect how we adapt Indigenous engagement strategies for long-term site rehabilitation?	The remediation designs and approvals consider long-term climate modelling predictions. As these remediation options are considered, SRC provides this information at our engagement sessions to see if there is anything else that should be considered or included.
4	How do you ensure Indigenous engagement continues after the mine closure and the rehabilitation certificate is issued?	SRC is not involved with these projects once remediation is complete and they have been deemed safe and stable. At this point they move into the Saskatchewan Institutional Control Program. The Ministry of Energy and Resources manages the Institutional Control Program which provides monitoring and maintenance of these sites into perpetuity. This program includes engagement with Indigenous and local communities.
5	Were there gamma rays occurring naturally and measured at baseline studies, before the mine at surface/ ground level of	Radiation levels have decreased by about 40-fold due to remediation, from a maximum of ~13 µSv/h (2008) to below 0.3 µSv/h (2016). Local natural

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	course?	background radiation typically ranges from 0.15 to 0.22 µSv/h. Consequently, radiation-related hazards at the site are now considered negligible.
6	Are there publications or reports about this work that are available to the public?	SRC publishes reports related to Project CLEANS on its website: saskcleans.ca
7	How does a company get involved in your tender process to provide temporary structures and/or water treatment solutions?	Available opportunities will be posted on the Project CLEANS homepage, as well as on SaskTenders (Organization Type: Crown Corporation > Saskatchewan Research Council). For more information, please contact SRC Purchasing .
8	Are there technical details on the cover design?	SRC publishes reports related to Project CLEANS on its website: saskcleans.ca