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As a signatory to the Ya' thi Néné collaboration agreement and a business and community partner in the Athabasca Basin, Orano Canada is pleased to reach out to Basin people through this newsletter to maintain our close relationship, especially in this challenging time. We demonstrate our commitment to the Basin and to the North through community investments, hiring, training, business opportunities, and scholarships.

## Status of McClean Lake Operation

During the spring of 2020, the McClean Lake uranium mill suspended production and kept the operation in a safe state of care and maintenance through the summer months. The McClean Lake teams used this time to complete critical project and maintenance work, such as the 55kt project, while the plant was down. These planned activities were able to be completed with smaller workforces, minimizing exposure and keeping our camp at less than full capacity.

On July 29th it was announced that as long as it remains safe to do so, Orano Canada plans to restart the McClean Lake mill at the beginning of September. In tandem with the successful restart of Cigar Lake operations, we expect to be processing uranium by mid-September. While we will not be able to make up the lost production of the past five months, we are targeting 10.5 million lbs of packaged production for 2020.

We are working with Basin leaderships on the appropriate timing for Basin employees to return to site, and we will continue to communicate with our teams as this planning becomes clearer. Safety is always our first priority, so as we increase our workforce on site and ramp up activities to restart the mill, we will maintain our safety protocols that have been put in place to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic threat.

We have implemented robust health and safety procedures, including pre-screening of employees, mandatory COVID-specific training, temperature monitoring, increased sanitation and isolation procedures. With the continued commitment of our employees and contractors we can maintain our site as a safe and healthy workplace.



*Mill operator Gabrielle Iron hard at work*

## Tailings Management Facility Expansion

Despite the current environment, many projects must continue, including planning for the JEB Tailings Management Facility expansion. We submitted our proposal for the TMF expansion in November 2019 and have recently been advised by the CNSC that the project will require a decision by the Commission tribunal. We will now prepare for that decision hearing. We continue to believe that expansion of the current TMF is not only the best option from operational and financial standpoints, but as importantly from an environmental one. Basin residents should have recently received more information in their mailboxes on the project, and we encourage your questions and comments. Alternatively, reach out to your AJES committee members as they have been provided with detailed information at quarterly meetings.

## Cluff Lake – Safe and Stable for the future

On the Cluff Lake project, we continue our monitoring and engagement work, although it has been modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope to pick up the pace when we're able to this fall. Ongoing environmental monitoring shows that decommissioning was successful. Orano Canada plans to return the land to the Government of Saskatchewan under the Institutional Control (IC) Program. Orano will provide funds for long-term monitoring and maintenance of the site and an assurance fund to cover costs related to unexpected events.



*Aerial view of McClean Lake operation*

## Contact Us

As always, we welcome questions and comments any time. Please call us at: 306-343-4500 or reach out through our website: [oranocanada.com](http://oranocanada.com) or social media.