

» Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan - \$500,000 Donation



It was with great excitement on September 21 that we announced our donation of \$500,000 to support a family room in the Maternal Care Centre at the new Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan. Our contribution to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan's "We Can't Wait" Capital Campaign means that pregnant women, new mothers, and their families will have a home-away-from-home right outside their hospital room doors when they deliver their babies.

Construction on the 176-inpatient bed facility is approximately 25% complete and is scheduled to open in 2019. Complete with a dining space, comfortable lounge furniture, and a large television, the AREVA Family Room will offer a home-like environment for family members while awaiting the arrival of their new bundle of joy. It will provide positive distraction and comfort, and also privacy and discretion if uncertainties arise.

"We are proud to invest in communities near our activities and operations, and to support healthcare infrastructure and services for the benefit of all in Saskatchewan," says Tammy Van Lambalgen, Vice President Corporate Affairs & General Counsel. "The AREVA Family Room will provide a needed space for families to gather and take a break. It's a space that will be particularly useful for those travelling from out of town, such as many of our employees' families and friends from northern Saskatchewan."

» Rose Brown - Hard at Work at the McClean Lake Camp

Rose Brown has been hard at work for over 12 years as a camp housekeeper at AREVA's McClean Lake Operation. Rose is one of Athabasca Catering's 48 employees who work at McClean Lake, providing the camp with both housekeeping and catering services. Like many employees working at the camp, she is from the Athabasca Basin. Rose was born and raised in Stony Rapids and currently lives in Saskatoon, although she gets back to Stony Rapids as often as she can.

At 65, Rose shows no signs of slowing down. As she has for many years now, Rose works on a two-week rotation, keeping busy and on her feet for 11 hours each day. Despite the demands of her position, Rose has no plans to quit anytime soon. "As long as I'm healthy and able, I will keep going," she says. Rose adds, "at my age, my body just needs to keep moving." She mentions her experience working in an office over a two year period when she was younger, "I could never go back to a job like that," she says. "I don't enjoy sitting down all day."



Rose's daily duties include making beds, sweeping and mopping, doing laundry, and ensuring that the hallways and foyer are spotless. Rose emphasizes that like many at McClean Lake, her job is safety oriented. "I'm always thinking about safety and ensuring that my surroundings are in order," she says. Rose explains that after several years of working in her position, she has perfected her routine. Although Rose may make it look easy, she admits that the work can be challenging. "We work very hard. I don't think people could understand just how tough this job can be until they have done it themselves."

Rose expresses her love for her job and her coworkers. At the McClean Lake camp, there are typically three housekeepers on shift at any given time. "The girls I work with are awesome; we talk and joke around a lot and I am not treated any different because I am older," she says. Rose also likes to keep busy off the clock. "There is always something to do at camp," she says. In the summer she enjoys picking berries and going for boat rides on the nearby lakes. Rose also enjoys doing crafts and bead work, going for walks, reading true crime stories, playing bingo, and volunteering for the camp's recreation office.

"When I fly into work, it's like coming back to my second home," she says. This statement really rings true as two of Rose's sons also work at the McClean Lake Operation. Her boys, Duncan and Allistair Brown, are both mill operators. When back in Saskatoon, Rose loves to spend as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren.

»» Few Greenhouse Gases from Sask Uranium Mining

A University of Saskatchewan research group has found that the mining and milling of uranium in northern Saskatchewan contributes very few greenhouse gases to nuclear power's already low emissions. The study used information supplied by AREVA and Cameco, as well as databases that contain information about greenhouse gases. The work was funded through a grant from the Fedoruk Centre and the study was published in the peer-reviewed journal Environmental Science and Technology.



The study found that the mining and milling of uranium contributes about one gram of greenhouse gases per kilowatt-hour of electricity produced from that uranium. By comparison, coal produces over 800 grams of CO₂ equivalent per kilowatt hour and natural gas about 500 grams, according to the 2014 U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The study involved adding up the greenhouse gases emitted by everything used in the mining and milling of uranium at three northern Saskatchewan operations—from the fuel used in heavy machinery and to power facilities, to the concrete and steel used in construction, and including the emissions from flying workers in and out of the mine sites.

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»» McClean Lake - Operating Licence Renewal

AREVA has requested a hearing to renew the McClean Lake operating licence with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). The hearing is expected to be held in May or June 2017, as the licence expires on June 30, 2017. Watch for future AREVA communications about how you can participate in the CNSC public hearing process.

»» Georgie Mercredi - Still Learning Everyday



Georgie Mercredi, Lead Hand Mill Operator at McClean Lake, has been with AREVA since 1999. Even with 17 years of experience in the mill under his belt, Georgie says he still learns something new every day. He explains that there is a lifetime of knowledge to be gained at the mill, especially considering the continuous changes as technology advances. Georgie makes it very clear that he loves the challenge of his job and would not trade his position for the world. For two years, he took on the role of Mill Operator Supervisor. During this period he began to miss the hands on quality of being "out on the floor," and so he returned to his prior position last November.

After many years of working at the mill during production, the four-year shutdown represented a big change for Georgie and his team. "It was quiet around here," Georgie explains. Since then, the mill restart has been an exciting time. Georgie has been back in the full swing of things, alongside a growing team since the October 2014 start of ramp-up. Recently, Georgie has been focusing on the commissioning of the new SX (Solvent Extraction) circuit and the optimization of the new leaching process.

Like many, Georgie explains that his favourite part of working at McClean Lake is the people, "everyone gets along here; the mill is full of great people." He has seen many new faces over the last few years as graduates from the Mill Operator Training Program have gained positions in the mill. Georgie is enthusiastic about AREVA's investment into northern youth. "These training programs really help our communities," says Georgie who is originally from Fond du Lac and moved back five years ago after living in Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

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