

# Nanisivik Mine

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Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)  
&  
Human Health and Ecological Risk  
Assessment (HHERA)

x?tz kNz euD/si z (ESA)  
x7ml

wkw5 tuq8k5 x7ml x?tz i 5g5  
smJw5 x5b3N3gu7mz b euD/si z  
(HHERA)

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s/C48i x3F4i 4 nl m3n3bsi 18k5  
grj x4t5tp  
kNK5u wuoEi 3j 5 vtmpq 8k5



# Background

## ckwos3ymi z

- October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 – NWB approved a water licence for the closure and reclamation of Nanisivik Mine, however certain conditions must be met
- January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – CanZinco Limited submits its Phase II ESA, HHERA reports to the NWB
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – Technical meeting held in Iqaluit to discuss these submissions
- End of May, 2003 – NWB to review and approve the documents
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# Part I

## wMz !

Phase II Environmental Site  
Assessment (ESA)

xg3bsJmJ6 @ x?tz kNz  
euD/si z (ESA)



# What is the Phase II ESA and what does it have to do with the Nanisivik Mine?

rh? xg3bsJmJ6 @ x?tz i 4 euDi 6  
x7ml ck3 xgtc3m5 Ni yF4j5 V

- Study to understand the contamination at the mine site
  - What contaminants are there?
  - Where are they located?
  - How much contamination is there?
- Based on a detailed site visit, which included soil sampling, as well as historical information
- It follows standards and guidelines supported by the Federal government (Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment - CCME)
- cspn3l t4 gryNh4l t4  
hD3N3gi 4 s/C4i x3Fz i
  - ckw5g?5 hD3N3g5V
  - Nu2X5 hD3N3g5 V
  - ckt0 hD3N3g3bc3t0? V
- euD/si z b  
ckwoz i z mo4l A,  
Wcystl A mi Cz i 4  
gxX4u4 cspn3Lt4,  
x7ml cspn3bsc5b3ymJ5
- moZ3i 4 xgxZi 4l  
Z?mgc4fi z 3gi 4  
xg3y9l t4

What different pieces of  
information make up the  
ESA?

ckw5gi 4 gnZ4nsJi 4  
wl oc3X x?toEi 6 V



# 1985 Soil metal survey

!(\*%u mi C3u5g5 nF4nc3i z  
cspn3bs9l i

- Soil samples from all around the mine site were taken
  - Occurred before the disposal of tailings above-ground; provides “background” values
  - Soil metal concentrations of zinc, lead and copper were elevated in the town and mine area
  - May be the result of natural rock formations
- mi C6 gxX4l W/w=Fs9l i  
s/C4i x3FsJ5 ci Q/omz  
cspnZ4n3b3Fs9l i
  - WbcMs3g5  
fFyc5b1q t9l Q5  
mi Cgw8N3j 5;  
cspmJt5tx?sJ6  
ckwc5b3ymi z k5  
gry0xDt0l A
  - mi C3uz 3g6 nF4nsi q 5  
hD3N3g5 zinc, lead x7ml  
copper d=?y4i 6nsMs3g5  
kNoz i x7ml s/C4b3FsJ5  
ci Q/z l
  - s/C4  
bwmwoz w8N3i z k9l 8i 5  
wo6dy6h6Li

# Marine sediment studies

wjmi 5g5 cspn3bsi q 5

- Several studies were taken before and during mining (1974-2000)
  - There were elevated levels of metals near the mouth of the creek before mining operations started
  - These levels have increased over time
- skXI 4g5  
cspn3bsMs3g5  
s/C4i xMsq 8t9I Q5  
x7ml  
s/C4i x3ymo3t9I Q5  
G! (&\$u5@)))j 5H
  - nF4nc3i z  
d?y4i 6nsMsg5 fz b  
f0x3i z b ci Q/z i  
s/C4i xMsq t9I Q5
  - b4fx d?y4i q 5  
xq 4o0x3ymo3g5  
W?9ox9I i



# Air and water quality studies

SJi z x7ml wus5 ckw5gi q 5  
cspn3bs9l t4

- From 1997, CanZinco has monitored air quality at the mine site
- Extensive water quality studies have taken place
  - Mine activities have increased metals concentrations into Twin Lakes and Strathcona sound
  - Dominant source of metals is West Adit area
  - Water quality compliance from tailings area has been good
- !((&u, v8pf4f5 CanZinco cspnc5b3ymJ5 WJi z yMsu5g6 s/C4i s3FsJu
- cspn5tx6ymJi 4 xgc5b3ymJ5 wus5 ckw5gi z i 4
  - s/C4ys3i q 8k5 nF4nc3i z xq 4oQx3ymJ6 by3j 5 x7ml bEsj 5 vq 3L4j 5
  - nF4nc3FsMa J6 xq Mu4 s/C4b3FsJ6 West Adit
  - wus5 ckw5gi z i 4 moZ3i 4 wmw5g/Exc3i z i 4 mo4ym5tx3g5

# 2002 Soil Survey

2002 mi Cz gxX4 csn3bsi z

- A large number of soil samples were taken by CanZinco's consultants from around the:
  - Town site
  - Industrial Complex
  - Dock site
  - Tailings Disposal Facility
  - Solid Waste Facility
  - STOL Air Strip
  - Mine Workings
- sk3gv9<w5 cspn3FsMs3g5  
v8pf4f8i 5 CanZinco  
wcNw/3tbsJi 5 cspn3ti 4  
sfi z csn3Lt4:
  - kNoz wkc3FsJ6
  - w3cNw/3F5  
Wdt3JxoEF5
  - gM4b3F4
  - fF4b3F4 Wdtq 9l
  - x4b3F4 Wdt3Jxk5
  - u5b3FFi 6
  - s/C4b3FsymJ5

# So what were the main contaminants of concern?

rh9o whml 4Nma Ms3X5

hD3N3gi q 5 V

- Two main groups of  
contaminants

- Petroleum  
Hydrocarbons

- Residues of diesel,  
gasoline and greases

- Metals

- Cadmium, copper, zinc,  
and lead

- m3D4 xF4ym9l t4  
hD3N3gJ4 sfxa J4

- s3hxl 4uz 3g5 hD3N3g5  
Petroleum  
Hydrocarbons

- s?z 3ymi fw5  
wZystu5, Zyu5  
x7ml ri 3gi 5

- nF4nsi q 5

- s/Cw5 W/sc5b3g5  
xtq 5 Cadmium,  
copper, zinc, and lead



# What were the findings for metal contamination

ck9o cspMs3X5 nF4nsi q 8i 4  
hD3N3gc3i q 8i 4 sfx

- Oceanview
- K-Baseline
- East Adit Area
- East Adit Treatment Facility
- Area14
- Area14 Road
- Tailings Pipeline/Dump Ponds
- West Adit Area
- Twin Lakes Creek
- Wind Dispersed Tailings
- Town
- Industrial Complex Area
- Concentrate Haul Road
- Dock Area
- s/C4b3F4 SMb3F4 Oceanview
- s/C4b3F4 K-Baseline
- s/C4b3F4 East Adit Area
- s/C4b3Fs5 wMz nl m3nwF4 East Adit Treatment Facility
- s/C4b3F4 Area14
- s/C4b3Foxz J6 x3dt Area14 Road
- fF3b3FsJ6 h9l oq 9l by3j 5
- s/C4b3F4 SMb3F4 West Adit Area
- by3uz 3g6
- xkEj 5 t4bsC3X9oxymi z fF/sc5b3g6
- kNoz wkC3FsJ6
- w3cNw/3FsJ5
- nF4nu4 syv3b3gk5 x3dt
- gM4b3F4

# What were the findings for hydrocarbons (fuel and grease) contamination?

ck3o cspMs3X5 hD3N3gc3i z i 4  
cktQ Gs3hxl 4uz 3gu4H hD3N3gi 4

- Oceanview
- K-Baseline
- East Adit Area
- 17N Refuge Station
- Area14
- West Adit Area
- Town
- Carpenter Shop
- Land Farm
- STOL Airstrip
- Industrial Complex Area
- Dock Area

- s/C4b3F4 Oceanview
- s/C4b3F4 K-Baseline
- s/C4b3F4 East Adit Area
- s/C4ysgk5 wi Q/sJ6 17N Refuge Station
- s/C4b3F4 Area14
- s/C4b3F4 West Adit Area
- kNoz wkc3FsJ6
- eJoEF4
- gxX4b6F4 Land Farm
- u5b3Ffi 6
- w3cNw/3F4
- gM4b6F4

So what does this information mean to  
the health of humans and animals at  
the Nanisivik site?

ckwoz ? b4fx cspn3bsymJ5  
wkW5 tuq 8k5 x7ml smJ3k5  
Ni yF4u V

To be addressed in Part II

scsysi x3g6 wMz i @



# Part II

wMz @

Human Health and Ecological Risk  
Assessment (HHERA)

wkw5 tuq 8k5 x7ml x?t5t8k5  
x5b3NC/3g5 euD/si z (HHERA)



# What is the purpose of this HHERA for the Nanisivik Mine site?

b8N tuj5 x?tj9l cspn3i sJ6  
W0Jtc3X Ni yF4u V

- The goal of risk assessment is to guide regulators to make good decisions, which avoid unacceptable harm to humans or the environment
- Helps to answer concerns about the effects of metals on both humans and animals at the mine site
- Tells us how much soil clean-up might be necessary to protect human health as well as local animal populations
- WNh4bsJ6 euD/si z  
wvJbsi x3m5 moZos3tsJk5  
xe4yNh4t9l Q5,  
x5b3N3gudNQ5 wkw5  
s=?l 8i 5 x?tK5
- wvJbsi x3g6 gry0Jbsl i  
ckwo8N3mz b nF4nw5  
wkw5 tuq 8k5 x7ml  
smJk5 s/C4ys3FsJu
- gry=FQ9l tA mi C3uz 3g5  
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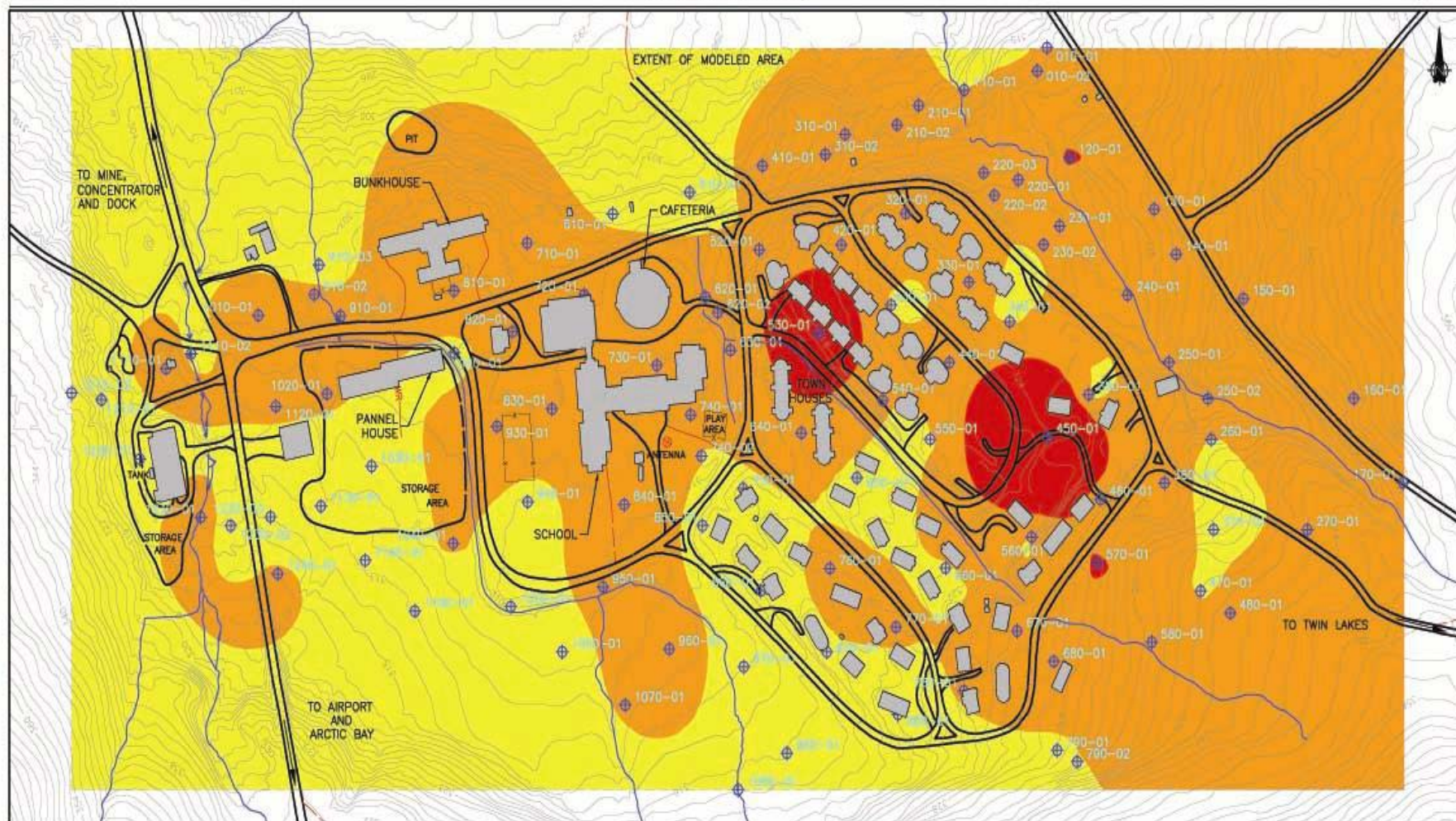


# Addressing previous information

scsysi z NI Nw3bscsJ5

- We must first re-examine the generic guidelines provided by the CCME
  - Previous information shown in the community did not tell the whole story
  - These guidelines are a “benchmark” and can be modified according to a specific situation
- bfN4v8i Exc3gA5  
moZsj i 4 xgxZsJi 4l  
vNbu CCME
  - scsysMs3g5 kNo4i  
si v3ymMsq 7mb  
wl w5gN3Li
  - b4fx xgxZsJ5  
WQx3Dt5tx?s4mb x7ml  
xe0x3bsJ8N3Lt4 xgi  
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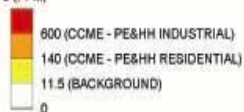




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metres  
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## LEGEND:

Pb (PPM)



## NOTES:

1. BACKGROUND LEVELS DERIVED FROM THE AVERAGE ANALYTICAL VALUES OF SAMPLES OBTAINED FROM CONTROL SAMPLE STATIONS CON1P AND CON2P

Figure 7B  
Nanisivik Town Site  
Lead Concentration

# Areas of study

## cspn3FsJ5 Numz b

- The Study divided the mine site into three areas with three different future uses
  - Town site (29 ha) – to continue with residential use
  - Dock area (24 ha) – to continue with light industrial use
  - General mine area (4,400 ha) – to be used as hunting / recreational land
- cspn3FsJ3 xF4g3ym9l i  
Wz hocz 9l i Wz hi 4l  
yKi 4nj 5 xgt0Z/a x3bq 5
  - kNoz xq i c3g6 (29 ha) xg8wN3bs9l i  
wkC3Fsl i
  - gM4b3F4 xq i z (24 ha) xgw8N3bs9l i  
wCNw/3Fsl i
  - s/C4b3Fsc5b3ymJ6  
xq i c3g6 (4,400 ha)  
xg3bsl i  
xa Nh4Fsl i  
wex8a w/l 4Fsl i l  
kNz



# The study

## cspn3i sJ6

- Is based upon the CCME guidelines
- Uses information from GN/DIAND town site study, Phase II ESA soil study, and 1985 soil survey
- Water quality information from monitoring program was also used (1996 – 2001)
- The animals within the marine environment were not included
- Effects of hydrocarbon (fuel and grease) contaminated soils was not included
- mo4y9I i vNbu moZsJi 4
- ttC3bsymJi 4 vt3hw9I t4 Z?m4f8i 5 kNK5u x7ml Z?mgc4f8i 5 cspn3bsJFi 3i 4 kNoz i 4, xg3bsi x3g6 @ gxXz i 4 cspn3i 6, x7ml !(\*%u gxXz i 4 cspn3i 6
- wus5 ckw5gi z i 4 cspn3i 6 xg3bsMs3uJ6 (1996 – 2001)
- smJw5 wmi 5g5 cspn3bsMsq 5g5
- ckwJbsZ/3mz 5 hD3N3g6 6s3hxl 4uz 3g6H mi C3u5g6 gxX4u5g6 cspn3bsMsq 5g6

# The study

## cspn3i 6

- Incorporated local knowledge about the Nanisivik site when a JWEL consultant, along with Mishak Allurut, conducted a survey that asked questions about hunting practices, land use and the animals found at the mine site

- Wcys/symJ5  
kNo4i cspmi q 5  
Ni yFs5 kNz i 4  
trymJc3t9I A  
xE3h3ti 4 Wcbs9I i  
unr xI D5,  
xW3hc5bMs3g5  
xa Nh4FsJi 4  
xa Nh4Fsc5b3i q 5,  
smJq 8i 4I Ni yFs5  
ci Q/i 5g5

# Risk Assessment

x5b3N3i z i 4 cspn3i 6



# What are the steps in this risk assessment process?

ckwos3X9oxl t4o cspn3i x3X5  
x5b3N3i z i 4 V

- Step 1 – See if the levels of metal in soil are below the CCME recommended levels
  - Step 2 – Compare current levels of metal in soil to historic “background” levels (1985 soil survey)
  - Step 3 – Assess the risk for each study area
  - Step 4 – Establish levels for metals in soil that will protect environmental and human health
  - Step 5 – Determine the requirement for clean-up of metal-affected soil
- Step 1 – csp0x3bsl i  
nF4nc3i z gxX4u5g6  
gz i 4vl x3mz 5 vNbu moZq 8i  
sc3ymJ5
  - Step 2 – ckwo?9o3ym4mz b  
nF4nc3i q5 bwmz 5  
W0x3Msq t9l A s/C4i x3F4
  - Step 3 – euD/sl t4  
cspn3bsl t4 x5b3N3i E/q 5  
xgi cspn3FsJ5
  - Step 4 – xe4yl t4  
r4oQi x3bz i 4 ckt03l i  
nF4nc3t0l i mi c3u gxX4u  
x5b3NC/q 7mz 5 wk4k5  
x?t5t8k9l
  - Step 5 – csp0x3bsl i  
xe4bsl i l ckt0  
nl 7m3nwt0/Exc3i x3mz b  
nF4nDji q5 mi C3u5g5

# Human Health Risk Assessment

wkw5 tuq 8k5

x5b3N3i q 8k5 cspn3i 6





# Choice of receptors

cspn3bsJ5 rN4fZ/3mz b

- For human health study two receptors were chosen:
  - Toddler (6 months to 4 –years)
  - Person who spends a 70 year lifespan at mine site

- Wkw5 tuq 8k5  
cspn3i 6 mD4i 4  
cspnDmMs3g5 :
  - kbCw5 bec3g5 6^u5  
xCAo4k5 \$j 5H
  - xCAi 4l &)i 4  
kNc3gFi sa x3l i  
s/C4i x3F4u



# Identifying the hazard (contaminants)

NI Nw3bsi q 5 x5b3N3g5 GhD3N3g5H

- 10 different metals were initially examined
- 3 metals were of concern:
  - Zinc
  - Lead
  - Cadmium
- ! )a J5 xp0q 5g5  
nFC/w5  
cspn3bs0xMs3ymJ5
- Wz h5  
whml 4N3g9I t4  
sfxa J5:
  - nF4n6 e3i 3b6 Zinc
  - fy6yx4n6 Lead
  - hD3N3g6 Cadmium



# Information on these metals

cspm/sJ5 wmw5gi q 5 nF4nw5

- Lead, Zinc & Cadmium (through ingestion or skin-contact) can threaten human health in different ways when exposure exceeds the body's ability to deal with these chemicals
- Cadmium, when inhaled, is known to contribute to cancer
- Wz h5 hD3N3g5 b4fx  
Lead, Zinc & Cadmium  
Gtuj xD8N3g5 w/sAi  
s=?l 8i 5 sFi 4j 5 x4gtAi  
H tuj 5 x5b3Ngw8NExo4  
xpQq 5g4f5 sz bkxDpZz 5  
tu5b W?9oxJ8N3bz b  
b4fx hD3N3g5  
tu5t8i 2X9oxi q 5
- hD3N3g6 Cadmium,  
xi 3n3bsZz 5 cspm/s9l i  
WJ8i D8Nw9oJ8N3g6



# Exposure Scenarios

ckwoz a xC/3i z whmQ/s9l i

1. Toddler ingests and/or comes into direct contact with contaminated soil at mine site
2. Toddler eats country food that was hunted in the mine area. The game may have ingested or come into direct contact with contaminated soil at the mine site
3. A persons lives 70 years at the Nanisivik site and is exposed to cadmium as a result of inhaling dust

- kbC6 i EAI s=?l 8i 5  
x4g3yAi gxX4u4 mi C3u4
- kbC6 i EAI wkW5  
i eq 8i 4  
x8a bsJFi 3u4  
s/C4i x3Fs5 ci Q/i 5.  
xa Nh4bsJ3l 8i 5  
i Eym8i 3Di s=?l 8i 5  
mi C3j 4 gxX4u9l 8i 5  
W8i Di
- rNgw8N6 kNc3l i  
xCai 4 &)i 4 x7ml  
xi 3n3gc5b3l i  
hD3N3gi 4 SJ3l 4i 4l



# What affects the intensity of the exposure to metals?

ckt0o nF4nu4 Wymt0oDi ckwJt0Z/3X

- There are several factors, including:

- Amount of time spent at the mine site:
  - Hunting and Residential
- Body weight
- Rate of ingestion of soil
  - Hunting and Residential
- Soil exposure to skin
- Dust inhalation rate
- Amount of country food eaten

- cyZMsJ5 WJbsZ/3g5, sfxAQ9l t4:

- ckt0 xfi st0J6 s/C4i x3F4umz 3W5
  - xa Nh4l i wexa w/l 4l i l 8i 5
- tuF5 seq 8i z
- xkt0 h4vt0Ju4 w?9ox4mz 3Ws4
  - xa Nh4l i wexa w/l 4l i 9l 8i 5
- gxX4 mi C3l 8i 5 sFi 4j 5 x4gtymAi
- SJ3u4 i s3yymAi ckt0 W?9oxt0l i
- Ckt0l i Ec5b3t0i z wkw5 i eq 8i 4

# Background exposure to metals

ckwoz ?9oxi z nF4nu4 Wbc3gu9l i

- People are exposed to metals on a day to day basis in ways that cannot be avoided
- The Estimated Daily Intake (EDI) of each metal of concern was calculated for a toddler living in the town site and general mine area. The EDI includes the contribution of metals from:
  - Air
  - Supermarket foods
  - Drinking water
  - Background soil (1985 Study)
  - Background dust (1985 Study)
- rN4fgw8Nw5 nF4nu4 Wbcw8Ns/3g5 W?9oxq 8Ns/3g5 csbm5 W5bwom/4nsq 5g4f5
- s9l 3j 5 WJ8N3bz tu5b5 (EDI) xgi nF4nsi q 5 cspn3bsymJ5 s4gtQ/s9l i kbC6 kNoz i 9l i x7ml bmi gw8N6l . s9l J5 WJ8N3bK5 tu5tkxD8N3g5 nF4nw5 s/z D8N3uJ5 :
  - xi 3tE/5t8i 5
  - i sF3F4u5g5 i e5
  - wuc5b3bK5 wu6
  - ckwoz i EMsbz i 4 W0xFsJ6 !(\*%u cspn3bsJFi 6
  - SJDJ4 cspn3bsi z !(\*%u

# Additional metal contributors

xyq 5bs6 nF4ncoDbsJ8N3g5

- In addition to the metals included in the EDI, there is a contribution of metals from:

- Consumption of country food
- Direct ingestion of soil
- Direct contact with soil

- NF4nu4  
tu5t8kxcwJ8N3uJA5  
sfNz 5 :

- i DA5b wkw5 i ez i 4
- wyA5b mi C3uz 3gu4
- x4gxA5tA mi C6



# Knowing your limits

cspml A r4oQ/w5

- The Tolerable Daily Intake (TDI) is the amount of metal that a person can ingest without being harmed

- The amounts have been developed through extensive scientific research
- The limit at which someone or something is harmed is called the “threshold”

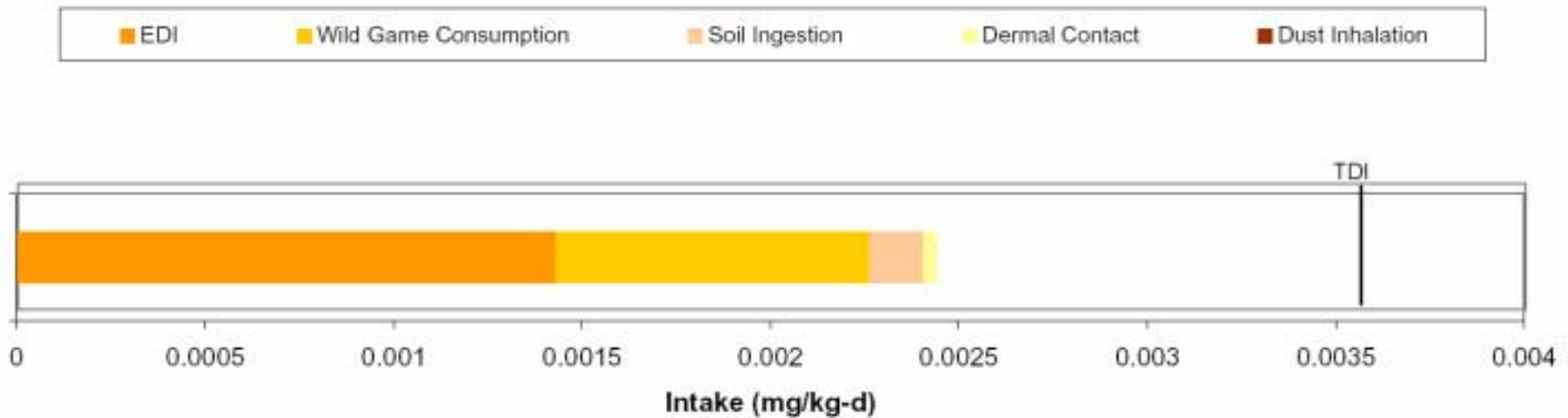
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wl xkxD8N3b tuz b  
ckwoJtQMsq 9l i s4
  - cktQ3i q 5  
Nnst4f5 xe4ymJ5  
cspn3bsymJ5
  - r4oz rNgw8N6  
ckwoFQZ/3bz  
bw/wJ9l i  
r4oz i 8i z i 4



# The example of lead

s4gt fy3yx4n6 nF4n6

Comparison of Predicted Intakes to the TDI:  
Lead in the Town Area



# The risk of breathing cadmium

x5b3N3i z xi 3n3g6l A hD3N3g6 cadmium

- The risk is considered unacceptable when more than one in a million persons gets cancer as a result of inhaling cadmium at the Nanisivik mine site
- Calculations reveal that the chance of someone getting cancer from the mine site is much lower than this
- x5b3N3i C3bsJ6  
sz bi 8i C3bsJ6  
xbsysq 4vz 5 wkW5  
!uoxa J5  
WJ8i D8Nq 5g6bDt4  
xi 3n3g3l t4 Ni yF4u
- cspn3bsymJ5  
NI Nw3yymJ5  
rNgw8N6  
WJ8i D8Nq 5g3bC/3i z  
b r4oz b gz i 5g6



# Results

## NI Nw3g5

- The predicted daily intake for all metals are below the tolerable limits
  - The chance of someone developing cancer as a result of breathing cadmium at Nanisivik is extremely remote
  - Results suggest that the metals examined should not affect human health at the mine site
- cspn3bsymJ5 s9l 3j 5  
WJ8N3bz b r4oz  
gz i 5g6  
nF4nc3i EJ8N3bz b
  - rNgw8N6  
WJ8i D8Nq 5g3bC/3i z  
xi 3n3g3l i hD3N3gu4  
ni yf4u ur5g9MfI 4
  - NI ND8i 3g6 nF4nw5  
cspn3bsJ5 tuj 5  
ckwo?9oDbsZ/q 8i q  
8i 4

# Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA)

x?tz x5b3N3gi z  
cspn3bsi z (ERA)



# Purpose of ERA

W0Jtz x?tz i 4 cspn3i 6

- Examines the impacts of metal contamination at the mine site on populations of selected animals; those chosen were:
  - Collard lemming
  - Arctic fox
  - Willow ptarmigan
  - Gyrfalcon
- euDI i nF4nw5  
hD3N3gi q 5  
s/C4i x3F4u5g5  
ckw2X9oDbsZ/3mz b  
smJk5;  
cspn3bsJmMs3g5  
sfx:
  - xF8z w5
  - tEzi x5
  - xe05
  - rZFx3Jw5

# Identifying the hazard (contaminants)

NI Nw3bsi q 5 x5b3N3gi q 5 GhD3N3g5H

- 10 different metals were initially examined
- 5 metals were of concern:
  - Zinc
  - Lead
  - Cadmium
  - Copper
  - Silver
- doi 4 cspnMs3g5
- b9omw5  
whml 4N3i cMs3g5  
sfxa J5:
  - nF4n6 e3i 3b6 Zinc
  - fy6yx4n6 Lead
  - hD3N3g6 Cadmium
  - vJ6 nF4n6 Copper
  - e9o3b6 nF4n6 Silver



# What affects the intensity of exposure to metals?

ck3 xq t0Ju4 nF4nu ckwJbsZ/3X V

- There are several factors, including:
  - Body weight
  - Feeding rate and food selection
  - Water intake
  - Length of time spent in study area
  - Home range size
- Information on the species were obtained from scientific literature; some assumptions were made
- xp0q 5g5 WJbsZ/3g5, sfxa 9l t4l wMq 5:
  - tusa 5 seq 8i z
  - ck t0 i Ec5b3i z rhu4l
  - ck t0 wuc5b3t0i z
  - ck t0 xfi st0i z b?i 5bw8N3Li
  - wi 08N3bz xq i z kNz
- csp0x3FsymJ5 ttC3ymJ5 xg3bsJFi 5 cspn3ti 5 ttC3bsymJ5 wMq 9l whm0/sgw8N3ym9l t4.

# How are animals exposed to metals?

ck3o smJw5 nF4n3coD8N3X5 V

1. Animals ingest soil or dust directly (includes preening)
  - smJw5 i DA<sub>t</sub>4  
mi C3uz 3gu<sub>4</sub>
  - smJw5 wuD<sub>t</sub>4 wu3u<sub>4</sub>
  - smJw5 i EA<sub>t</sub>4  
WD3gi 4 i 3J<sub>t</sub>i 4l 8i 5
2. Animals drink surface waters on site
3. Animals consume plants or prey that contain metals





# How is the risk to animal health assessed?

ck3o x5b3N3i z cspn3bsym? V

- The animals' estimated exposure to metals was compared to scientific reports on metal toxicity
- The lowest levels at which animals are affected by long-term exposure to metals was chosen selected
- Certain animals were adopted in place of others ex. rat for lemming, chicken instead of ptarmigan
- smJw5 nF4nc3gu8i q 5  
ck t0l  
ckwoJtQZ/3mz A  
ttC3ymJ5 cspn3ti 5  
mo4bs9l t4
- urMz smJw5  
r4oQZ/3bz  
nF4nc3i EJ8N3bz  
i Dx3bs9l i
- wMq 5 smJw5  
ra Fsttbsc5b3Lt4  
h3l xFz xpXl xk5  
Xuso4k5 xyq 9l

# Results

## NI Nw3g5

- Results indicated that metal in soils at the mine site should not impact animals
  - Contribution of surface water to any negative effect is minimal
  - Lemming and Ptarmigan residing in the dock area would have the highest exposure to metals
  - Metal exposure to fox and gyrfalcon would be much less
- NI Nw3g5 gryN3g5  
nF4nw5 mi C3u5g5  
Ni yF4u  
ckwJbsZ/q 5g5 smJk5
  - wuS5 cz i 5gu4  
wuCl xDt4  
ckwJbsZ/q 5g6
  - xFz w5 xe09l  
gM4b3F4u5g5  
nF4nc3i 3nu4v/3g5
  - nF4nc3i 3uZ/q 5g5  
tEZi x5 x7ml  
rZFx3Jw5

# Conclusions of the Study

ra o3Xu4 scsy4nw5

- In general, for all three study areas, the metals present in the soil do not pose a future risk for humans and animals at the mine site
  - The level of metals in soil where humans and animals would be negatively affected is higher than the general level of metals in soil at Nanisivik Mine
- bm3i om6 bfa x3l A  
b4fx Wz H5  
cspn3bsymJ5  
nF4nc3i z i 4  
mi Cz i 5gu4  
x5b3Nq 5g5 wk4k5  
smJk9l
  - xq i 3nsJ5  
r4o0Z/3bz  
nF4nc3i EZ/3bz  
t tC3ymJ6

# Conclusions of the Study

## ra o3Xu scsy4nw5

- There are however “hot spots” of zinc and lead at the town site, and in the general mine area, which should be addressed
- CanZinco has indicated a willingness to address these areas of concern
- Environmental consultants hired from NTI, DIAND, GN and the NWB to review these reports are generally supportive
- WI x3i cS3m5  
nF4n3bc3i q 5 kNoz i  
x7ml  
s/C4i x3Fsc5b3ymJi  
ckwo/s/Exo4i 4
- v8pf4f5 xq 3ymJ5  
whml tQ/sJ5  
WQx3Dm9l t4
- x?toEi 3j 5 cspn3tsJ5  
to/symJ5 kNK5  
gz F4f8i 5, Z?mgc4f8i 5,  
Z?m4f8i 5 kNK5u x7ml  
wuoEp4f8i 5 euDi x3uJ5  
si v3bsymJi 4  
Nm4n3i 3nsym9l t4l