

Traditional Site Use Scenario:

- A toddler aged six months to four years is exposed to surface soil contaminated with non-carcinogenic beryllium, copper, lead and the F3 TPH fraction by inadvertent ingestion / dermal contact / dust inhalation, water ingestion and dermal contact, and the ingestion of land foods (caribou, hare and fish);
- A person visits the site yearly from birth to 75 years of age and is exposed to beryllium, which is also a known carcinogen, by inadvertent ingestion / dermal contact / dust inhalation, water ingestion and dermal contact, and the ingestion of land foods (caribou, hare and Arctic charr) throughout their lifetime.

Ecological Health

The risks of exposure to contaminated soils were the focus of the ecological risk assessment (ERA). The potential exposure media for intake of metals included direct ingestion of soils, as well as metal uptake from eating terrestrial plant material, drinking water, ingesting terrestrial invertebrates, and terrestrial mammals. The major exposure pathway considered was ingestion. Inhalation and dermal absorption were also possible exposure pathways, but these were considered to be relatively minor by comparison to ingestion, and were not included as direct pathways in the ERA. Soil that adheres to fur or feathers is, for the most part, ingested by preening/licking activity and was included in the estimate of direct soil ingestion.

The receptors selected in the ERA are ermine, Arctic hare, ptarmigan, lemming, Snowy owl, Arctic Fox, and caribou. These receptors were considered to be representative of indigenous wildlife at the FOX-C site. Other valued ecosystem components (VECs) were considered for the sites (discussed in section 5.2.4) but these receptors were chosen to be protective of all VECs potentially on site.

Risk Characterization

The above-noted exposure scenarios were evaluated to identify the potential for adverse effects to human or ecological receptors, with the following outcomes:

- Surface soil maximums of the identified chemicals are not anticipated to produce adverse effects in human receptors under the exposure scenarios included in the risk assessment.
- Surface soil exposure point concentrations (EPCs) of the identified chemicals are not anticipated to produce adverse effects in ecological receptors under the exposure scenarios included in the risk assessment.

Because no human health risk was found using the maximum soils CoPC concentrations, Site specific target levels (SSTLs) were developed for each CoPC based on ecological health site-specific threshold limits developed in this risk assessment. The SSTLs were compared to current site conditions (EPCs and maximum concentrations).

Remediation

Specific localized areas have been identified as “hot spots” where concentrations of selected CoPCs were elevated. Even though, these areas do not pose a significant human or ecological risk, they were selected to be removed for aesthetic reasons as well as to remove any remaining and obvious soil stained/contaminated areas. These areas will be excavated and removed from contact of all receptors. The consequential removal of these selected areas resulted in drops of EPCs for human health for the top site (most contaminated) of 41% (PCBs), 92% (TPH F2 fraction), 90% (copper) and 86% (lead). The EPC for human health represents a drop in the maximum concentrations found on site. This resulted in a subsequent drop in the calculated total hazard quotients associated with the top site of 91% (TPH F2 fraction), 19% (copper) and 76% (lead).



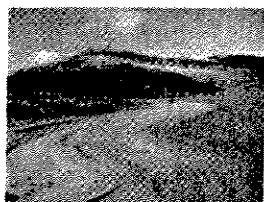
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4. English and Inuktitut executive summaries for the report “Natural Environment of the FOX-C DEW Line Site Ekalugad Fjord, Baffin Island, Jacques Whitford, October 2004

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Shoreline of
freshwater lake.



River flowing
towards Quarmaralik
Cove showing
topography of Fox-
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CLOSURE

This report describes the natural environment of the Fox-C site during a site visit on August 26 and 27, 2004. Species documented in this report are restricted to the time frame of the field investigation and may underestimate the flora and fauna which occupy the site during the year. The Fox-C DEW Line site is representative of arctic tundra regions located in the Arctic Cordillera of Baffin Island. Topography of the landscape at Fox-C is diverse creating many habitat niches for juvenile and adult Arctic Charr, and a variety of arctic flora and fauna. Any activities requiring in water works should be undertaken so as to minimize interaction with arctic charr in the freshwater lake and charr migrations in the river flowing from the freshwater lake. Three species having designations of Special Concern under the Species at Risk Act and The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada are either known to occur at Fox-C or likely have distributions that would include areas of Fox-C during portions of the year.

We trust the above meets your present needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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5. English and Inuktitut executive summaries for the report “ Diesel Contaminated Soil at Ekalugad Fjord: the Landfarming Option” Analytical services Unit, Queens University, March 2006

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report describes the work carried out to investigate the potential for landfarming the diesel contaminated soils at Ekalugad Fjord. Ekalugad Fjord is situated on the east coast of Baffin Island, Nunavut, and was the site of an intermediate DEW Line station, FOX-C. Diesel contaminated soils were collected in 6 coolers and transported to the Analytical Services Unit laboratory at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Laboratory studies were set up at three different temperatures, 5 °C, 8 °C and 18 °C. The experimental design of the reactors attempted to simulate a landfarm and in particular looked at the contributions of aeration and bioremediation. The addition of fertilizer and the frequency of rotation were varied, resulting in five different soil treatments at the three temperatures. As was expected temperature was an important factor with the reactors at 18 °C remediating more diesel than the 8 °C or the 5 °C. However, at the colder temperatures the soils were successfully remediated with a rotation frequency of 4 days and the addition of fertilizer. At 5 °C, in particular, aeration improved results and clear evidence of bioremediation was observed. The data from the laboratory experiments indicate that landfarming at Ekalugad Fjord does have the potential to successfully remediate the diesel contaminated soils. It is recommended that the landfarm be set up in the warmest possible location, at low elevation and south facing. Fertilizer should be added and the landfarm tilled daily. Although the laboratory experiments indicate that the TPH concentration of the soil can be substantially reduced in approximately 100 days, field conditions such as the proximity of a glacier at this northern site are expected to reduce the rate of TPH remediation. Given the potential for washout of the soils, the landfarm should only proceed if an appropriate location can be found.