

## **Appendix III - Sarcpa Lake Community Meeting - Questions and Answers**

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### **Hall Beach**

Q: Are there any programs for drums and debris scattered throughout the area, not just at the main part of the site?

A: (Jared) These will be cleaned up. There are many jobs that can be sub-contracted to community members.

### **Igloolik**

Q: Is there uranium at this site? Last year elders were considering sending young people to work at the site, but were told not to because of PCBs and uranium?

A: Chris explained the carcinogenic nature of PCBs

\*\*\*Peter clarified that there is no word in Inuktitut for “contaminant” so this concept was hard to translate into understandable terms.

Q: How can you remove contaminants from the permafrost?

A: (Jared) The process occurs over two years – the first year the surficial soil is removed to let the layer below thaw. The second year the next layer is removed.

A: (Chris) Confirmatory samples are taken to be sure that no traces remain.

Q: When burying waste in the landfills, will any contaminants be buried?

A: Jared explained the non-hazardous landfill and that all hazardous materials will be removed from the site – he also explained that disposal of the contaminated soil will be within “triple containment”

Q: What about materials that are too expensive to ship south? Will these be buried?

A: (Jared) Yes. There will be monitoring wells in these areas. Soils that are extremely contaminated will not be disposed of on-site, they will be shipped south.

Q: How often will monitoring occur?

A: (Jared) Every year for at least the first five years, then every three or five unless there is a problem and we have to do it more often.

Q: Did you find any old vehicles in the lake?

A: (Jared) No, but we haven’t done many studies in the lake.

Q: There are fish in the lake. There has been rumour that there is a vehicle that was left on the ice, then sank to the bottom of the lake after the thaw.

A: (Jared) There is no risk presented from submerged vehicles.

A: (Chris) We sampled water, sediments and fish and found nothing.

Q: Now the fish in those lakes aren’t contaminated, but what about other lakes, or in the future?

A: (Chris) If there is no problem at Sarcpa, then there is no problem to spread.

A: (Jared) There is no contamination at Sarcpa, and it would be the source.

Q: In the case of landfills, are you asking for input?

A: (Bob) Yes, what are your concerns?

- Don't put them in areas of higher ground – they thaw
- Use low-lying areas and dig into the permafrost

Bob thanked Mr. Ivalu for his comments and said he would get back to him.

Q: Will you be training Inuit during your process?

A: (Bob) Yes, we will have a training plan, but we haven't developed it yet.

Q: Before arriving at Sarcpa Lake, will workers be advised of which areas may be dangerous?

A: (Bob) Yes, our safety programs are designed to keep people safe. We are making a list of minimum training requirements. Special work will mean special training. We have safety meetings every morning when we are on site and the Inuit can express their concerns then.