

Jerry,

As discussed earlier, the IFC drawings package for the Primary Vent Raise is expected to be completed on Wednesday, August 3.

In the meantime, water is ponding in the portion of the tundra excavated in preparation for pad construction, as shown in the attached photo.

To prevent further degradation of the exposed permafrost, we think it would be prudent to cover the excavated area with a lift or ROQ approximately 1 m thick. If the excavated shales will be used, the material shall be placed in max. 0.5 m lifts and compacted.

Based on comments we received to date (also attached) the extents of the pad will not change significantly compared to the IFR model, thus the rock fill will remain in place although some re-shaping may be required for completion.

Regards,

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