

MELIADINE GOLD PROJECT

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<u>Introduction</u>

This report is delivered as requested by Christine Wilson, AANDC inspector, in her report following the July 8th, 2013 inspection. AEM is required to submit a plan detailing the best practices for the operation of the recycling facility as well as the site-wide compliance with the Plan. The AEM Waste Management Plan is the general guide for the management of wastes at Meliadine and describes the management of different kind of wastes. This report specifies the procedure currently applied on site.

2012-2013 Management

During 2012 and 2013, a part of the waste generated during the first years of operation at the Meliadine site was managed and removed from the site. Thirty-two (32) containers filled with different kind of wastes were sent by boat to southern facilities to be treated. These 32 containers included: 20 containers of different hazardous wastes, 7 of scrap metal and 5 of general wastes (plastic, Styrofoam, treated wood, etc.). We ran out of empty containers to continue the packaging of wastes located on the pad at the recycling center, but the work will continue in 2014.

2014 Management

To improve the waste management and stop the expansion of piles at the recycling center, we now apply the source segregation system as describe in the Waste Management Plan. All hazardous wastes are segregated by type in small containers (normally Quatrex bags or 205-liters drums) stored in sea cans containers. There are sea cans containers located at the laydown and at the portal to dispose of metal wastes. One sea can is located at the recycling center to dispose of construction wastes (insulation material, treated wood, Styrofoam, plastic, rubber, etc.). Currently and for the future, we don't want to add anything to the "piles" located at the recycling center, the goal is to managed everything in segregation containers. An exception will be made with the untreated wood, which will be piled on the incineration pad and burned occasionally.

Education

An important point to an efficient waste management is the education of the workers. They must be informed of the importance of waste management in an isolated site. Source

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reduction, reuse, recycling and proper disposition of wastes are guidelines to have the best possible environmentally friendly waste management. All environmental technicians on site have the mandate to share information with workers, to inspect work sites and waste segregation sites and to apply the Waste Management Plan. Regular meetings are held on this subject with Meliadine's workers and supervisors.