

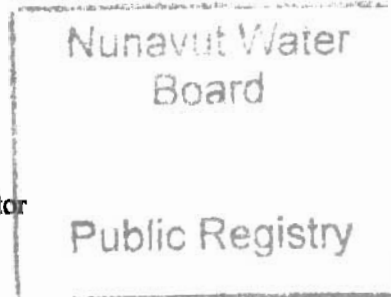


**ASHTON MINING
(NORTHWEST TERRITORIES) LTD.**

BY FACSIMILE

October 7, 2003

Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu, Licensing Administrator
Nunavut Water Board
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut X0B 1J0



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RE: NWB2ASH0305 OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS – PART II AND PART G

This letter is being written to fulfill outstanding requirements listed in the recently issued NWB2ASH0305.

Part II General Requirements – Abandonment and Restoration Plan

Enclosed with this letter is an abandonment and restoration plan pertaining to Ashton's land and water use activities.

Part G: Conditions Applying to Emergency Response

A new copy of the Emergency Response Plan has been enclosed along with a letter. Required changes to the plan have been noted with an "x".

- Sections (i) and (iv): The contact information for DIAND Water Resources has been added to the Emergency Response Plan. The contact information for Environment Canada is already listed on the on the Emergency Response Plan as Pollution and Spills.
- Section (ii): The home contact information for Ashton Personnel will not be included on the publicly distributed copy of the Emergency Response Plan. These numbers are for the exclusive use of our field personnel.
- Section (iii): A copy of a letter sent to DIAND Land Administration regarding fuel caches has been enclosed. This letter provides coordinate information in latitude and longitude and is consistent with the Territorial Land Use Regulations.

If you have any questions regarding the submissions please do not hesitate to contact me at (604) 983-7764

Yours truly,

ASHTON MINING (NORTHWEST TERRITORIES) LTD.

David Willis
Land Administrator



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October 6, 2003

Mr. Spencer Dewar, Land Administration Specialist
DIAND – Land Administration
PO Box 100, Building 918
Iqaluit, Nunavut X0A 0H0

Dear Mr. Dewar:

RE: FUEL CACHES NOTIFICATION

As per Section 11 of the Territorial Land Use Regulations the coordinates for Ashton fuel caches established during the summer 2003 are listed in Table 1.0. Fuel caches will be used within one year of their establishment and at greater than 30 meters from the high water mark of the nearest water body. All drums are stored on their side to prevent contamination of the fuel by water.

TABLE 1.0 – NUNAVUT FUEL CACHE

Cache	Zone	UTM	Long - Lat	All Drums	Jet B	Diesel	Propane	Gas	Empty	Type
RJ Camp	12	409600e	113* 02.3'	26	19	7	3	?	0	camp
		7402500	66* 44.0'							
Phantom	12	419900e	112* 51.3'	43	13	30	9	0	0	camp
		745600n	67* 12.7'							
North Kikerk	12	405500e	113* 12.2'	4	4	0	0	0	4	cache
		7474200n	67* 22.3'							

Ashton's summer exploration activities in Nunavut were completed at the beginning of September. Both the Phantom and the RJ Camps have been demobilized for the season.

Yours truly,

ASHTON MINING (NORTHWEST TERRITORIES) LTD.

David Willis
Land Administrator

**Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd
Abandonment and Restoration Plan**

**Applying to all exploration activities located in within NTS Maps Sheets:
86O, 76M, 86I and 76L**

prepared by
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Unit 123 – 930 West 1st Street
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October 3, 2003

ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN – NUNAVUT OPERATIONS

Area of Application:	All Ashton properties, campsites and activities contained within National Topographic System maps 86I, 86P, 76L, 76M.
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Duration of Application:	The Abandonment and Restoration Plan is presently in effect for all Ashton field operations in Nunavut. This plan is sufficient for our present level of exploration activities.
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Application of Plan:	This plan applies to the abandonment and restoration of all existing or proposed camp and drill sites under NWB2ASH0305
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Responsibility:	The Ashton project manager is responsible for ensuring that sites and facilities are restored to the best extent possible to their natural state.
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Fly Camps:	<p>These camps are composed of wood framed canvas prospector tents.</p> <p>Abandonment Plan: Tent covers, stoves, generators, fuel and drums will be flown to Yellowknife for storage and/or disposal. Wooden tent frames and outhouse will be incinerated. The outhouse hole and grey-water hole will be filled with dirt and contoured to the surrounding area.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Camp</th> <th>Latitude</th> <th>Longitude</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Phantom Camp</td> <td>-112°51'29"</td> <td>67°12'37"</td> <td>Established camp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RJ Camp</td> <td>-113°02'46"</td> <td>66°43'46"</td> <td>Established camp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eokuk Camp</td> <td>-112°57'49"</td> <td>67°24'09"</td> <td>Proposed new camp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Camp</td> <td>-111°14'51"</td> <td>66°56'28"</td> <td>Proposed new camp</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Camp	Latitude	Longitude	Notes	Phantom Camp	-112°51'29"	67°12'37"	Established camp	RJ Camp	-113°02'46"	66°43'46"	Established camp	Eokuk Camp	-112°57'49"	67°24'09"	Proposed new camp	James Camp	-111°14'51"	66°56'28"	Proposed new camp
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Drill Sites:	Abandonment Plan: At the completion of the permit all drills, hoses, rods and fuel will be removed and flown to Yellowknife. At present there are no drill sites and thus no coordinates..
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Important Contact Numbers

Facility	PHONE	Note
DIAND Land Operations	(867) 975-4283	
Discovery Mining Services	(867) 920-4600	Cel: (867) 873-1573
Ashton Office	(604) 983-7750	
Brooke Clements, VP Exploration	(604) 984-****	After hours
Jeff Ward, Project Manager	(604) 737-****	After hours

**Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd
Spill Prevention and Response Plan**

**Applying to all exploration activities located in within NTS Maps Sheets:
86O, 76M, 86I and 76L**

prepared by
**Ashton Mining Northwest Territories Ltd.
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May 12, 2003

ASHTON SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN – NUNAVUT OPERATIONS

Area of Application:	All Ashton properties, campsites and activities contained within National Topographic System maps 86I, 86P, 76L, 76M.
Duration of Application:	The spill contingency plan is presently in effect for all Ashton field operations in Nunavut. This plan is sufficient for our present level of exploration activities. Work is conducted out of small fly camps.
Application of Plan:	Upon arriving at camp for any exploration program staff are provided with a safety orientation. Part of this orientation includes procedures relating to spill response, and spill equipment.
Responsibility:	The Ashton field supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the safety orientation is complete. All employees are responsible for safe storage, maintenance and monitoring of fuel.
Areas of Concern:	<p>Areas of concern have been broken into three categories; fuel, drill additives and waste. Of these three categories fuel is the most significant due to its toxicity, flammability and liquidity.</p> <p>Fuel: 1) Diesel 2) Jet-B (Aviation Fuel) 3) Propane</p> <p>Drill Additives: 1) Big bear Diamond Brill Rod Grease 2) Sodium Montmorillonite 3) X-tra Gel 4) W-OB Polymer 5) DR-133 Polymer 6) 550X Polymer 7) GSX 20 Bit Coolant</p> <p>Waste: 1) Grey Water 2) Outhouse 3) Combustible Waste</p>

ASHTON SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN – NUNAVUT OPERATIONS

<p>Preventative Procedures:</p>	<p>Ashton personnel will be instructed in spill, avoidance, response and cleanup procedures at the safety orientation. A spill response kit will be retained at each base camp and drill operation site.</p> <p>Fuel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel will be stored at safe distances and wherever possible in natural sumps away from drainage systems and bodies of water. • All fuel cache storage sites will be monitored on a regular basis for possible spills and or leakage. • Splash pans will be employed where practical around all machinery and during any fuel transfers. <p>Drill Additives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drill Additives will be stored at safe distances and wherever possible in natural sumps away from drainage systems and bodies of water. • Drill additive storage sites will be monitored on a regular basis for possible spills and or leakage. <p>Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewage and grey water holes will be monitored to ensure sufficient capacity. • Combustible waste will be contained in a screened burning barrel and ashes flown out at the end of the field season.
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ASHTON SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN – NUNAVUT OPERATIONS

<p>Emergency Procedures:</p>	<p>In the event of a spill of any chemical, fuel or waste respond as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Try to stop or limit extent of spill at source. 2. Notify the field supervisor in camp and get spill response equipment (shovels, absorbent material, storage drums). 3. In the case of flammable liquids, get dry chemical fire extinguisher in the event of fire. 4. Distribute absorbent material on and around spill. Dig up contaminated soil and/or material. Store contaminated material in drums located in a safe location for removal. 5. Complete the attached form entitled Spill Report 6. Contact AMCI senior personnel (604) 983-7750 Contact Spill Response (867) 920-8130 (24 hours) Contact Discovery Mines (867) 920-4600 X Contact DIAND Water Resources (867) 975-4298
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Important Coordinates
Latitude/Longitude (NAD 27 Canada)

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sent by: Pioneer Supply House;

867 873 3397;

May-13-03 10:55PM;

ATTN# DAVID WILLKIS

SPILL RESPONSE KIT **205L H.O.W.**

CONTENTS:

- 150 - 17" X 19" OIL ABSORBENT PADS
- 8 - 3" X 48" OIL ABSORBENT SOCKS
- 2 - 5" X 120" OIL ABSORBENT BOOMS
- 4 - TEMPORARY DISPOSAL BAGS 42x48-XS
- 1 - PAIR NITRILE GAUNTLET GLOVES
- 1 - PAIR DISPOSABLE COVERALL
- 1 - PAIR CLEAR SAFETY GOGGLES
- 1 - 4OZ TEMPORARY GAPSEAL STICK
- 1 - 205L CONTAINMENT DRUM (metal/poly)
C/W QUICK RELEASE LEVER LOCK SYSTEM

KIT PART #.....205000

PIONEER SUPPLY HOUSE
101 - 349 OLD AIRPORT ROAD
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 3X6
Ph: (867) 873-3558 Fax: (867) 873-3397

Government of the Northwest Territories
SPILL REPORT
(Oil, Gas or Other Materials: i.e. Hazardous Chemicals, etc.)

Phone
(604) 620-8130

A	Report Date	Date and Time of Spill if Known
B	Location and (Site Coordinates if known) and direction if moving	
C	Party Responsible	
D	Product Spilled and Estimated Quantities (Provide Metric Volumes/Weights if Possible)	
E	Cause of Spill	
F	Is Spill Terminated or Controlling	
G	Extent of Contaminated Area	
H	Factors Affecting Spill or Recovery - Temperatures, Wind, Snow, Ice, Terrain, Buildings, etc.	
I	Containment - Dams, Booms, Dykes or Other, No Containment	
J	Action, if any, Taken or Proposed to Contain, Recover, Clean-up or Dispose	
K	Do You Require Assistance	If so, what form
L	Hazard to Persons or Property or Environment - Fire, Drinking Water, Threat to Fish or Wildlife	
M	Comments and/or Recommendations	
	Reported by	Position, Employer, Location Telephone
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