AREVA Resources Canada Inc.

Kiggavik Project, Nunavut

URANIUM EXPLORATION PLAN

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1. INTRODUCTION

The AREVA Resources Canada Inc. (ARC) Uranium Exploration Plan applies to the Kiggavik Project and shall be in effect from the time the exploration license is issued to the time it expires.

1.1 Purpose and Scope

The Uranium Exploration Plan is designed to meet the requirements of the Water Use License 2BE-KIG0708 issued by the Nunavut Water Board, the Saskatchewan Environment Mineral Exploration Guidelines and Best Management Practices, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Regulations (although CNSC does not regulate exploration activities).

In addition to this plan ARC has developed the following documents:

- Radiation Protection Plan
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Waste Management Plan
- Noise Abatement Plan
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan
- Emergency Response Manual
- Safety Code of Practice
- Environmental Code of Practice
- Radiation Code of Practice

These plans have been submitted and accepted by regulatory agencies with the permit applications for the field season. The Radiation Protection Program includes comprehensive work instructions for planning, monitoring and maintenance of the Program for exploration activities. Work instructions have been developed for staff and exploration facilities regarding dosimetry and radiological monitoring, safe handling of radioactive materials and the shipping of radioactive materials.

1.2 Revision to Manual

This manual is reviewed by the Facility Supervisor, the Environment Health and Safety (EHS) Group and the General Manager, Kiggavik Project on an annual basis and is updated as required to keep it current and consistent with regulatory and procedural changes. A history of revisions can be found at the front of this manual.

1.3 Responsibilities

The Facility Supervisor is responsible to ensure that all personnel and contractors assigned to the Project are familiar with the requirements of this Plan.

The EHS Group reports to the Facility Supervisor. The Group includes:

- Environment and Radiation Protection Supervisor
- Environment Technicians
- First aid responders (ARC staff and/or contractors)
- Safety personnel (ARC staff and/or contractors)

The General Manager, Kiggavik Project is ultimately responsible for any activity being carried out by Kiggavik Project personnel.

2. SITE INFORMATION

The Kiggavik Project includes two properties:

- The Kiggavik site is located at approximately 64°26'N and 97° 37'W. The property consists of 17 mineral leases totalling 3,972ha (officially 9,808acres). All leases are currently on Crown Land (ie: surface and subsurface rights are administered by Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)).

- The Sissons site is situated roughly 17km south-west of Kiggavik at approximately 64°20'N and 97°52'W. The Sissons property consists of 22 mineral leases totally 14,730ha (officially 36,371.50acres). Five of the mineral leases, including those containing the Andrew Lake and End Grid deposits, are located on Inuit Owned Land subsurface parcels, as such surface rights are administered by the Kivalliq Inuit Association and subsurface rights are "grandfathered" – administered by INAC.

An exploration camp currently exists at the Kiggavik site. This camp can accommodate approximately 60 people.

3. TRAINING

ARC provides necessary training to all its employees and contractors to ensure worker safety and protection of the environment during exploration activities. The training programs provided are designed to meet the requirements of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) *Uranium Mines and Mills Regulations* (although CNSC does not regulate uranium exploration projects), territorial *Workers Compensation Board* and *ISO14001.* Although the project is not currently ISO certified – AREVA strives to meet ISO standards.

All new employees, including contractors, receive appropriate radiation protection training prior to beginning work. This includes instruction on the origins of ionizing radiation, types of radiation, health risks, principles of radiation safety and regulatory compliance. Training also includes the safe handling, management and disposition of radioactive materials such as drill muds and cuttings, and radioactive core.

All visitors at the Kiggavik site for more than 72 hours, or who will be left without an escort will receive radiation protection training. Visitors who have not received training must be escorted on site at all times.

All Kiggavik project personnel supervising the shipment of radioactive materials must possess a valid TDG certificate in accordance with Transport Canada Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. If radioactive materials are to be transported by aircraft, TDG training is to include the necessary aviation components for Class 7 materials. If contractors for the project have their own training program they must submit evidence of the training program.

All ARC field personnel and contractors establishing temporary work camps and/or handle fuel and lubricants and radioactive material require spill response training. If the contractors have their own training program they must submit evidence of the training program. Training for ARC employees is provided in accordance with the *Spill Contingency Plan*. Contractors are given a copy of said plan. If the contractors do not have an acceptable training program in place, AREVA will supply the training material and/or provide the training as required.

4. DRILLING OPERATIONS

As required by the current water use licence issued by the NWB, all drill sites are located at a minimum of 31m beyond the ordinary high level water mark of any nearby water bodies, unless an exemption to this requirement has been granted.

During drilling activities, drill mud solids or cuttings in non-mineralized zones are deposited on the ground, preferably in a selected natural low-lying depression. This natural depression must also be located at a minimum of 31m beyond the ordinary high level water mark of any nearby water bodies, and where direct flow into the water body is not possible. Upon completion, a radiological survey is conducted before and after drilling to ensure elevated readings are not occurring. The depression is then backfilled and contoured, as much as possible, back to natural pre-existing conditions.

When mineralized core is intersected, all drill mud and cuttings are collected in appropriate containers and categorized as radioactive through appropriate radiation measurements.

Drill mud or cuttings with a uranium content greater than 0.05% will be collected and stored at the radioactive storage compound with an appropriate containment system in place. The drill hole will then be filled with cement. Down hole disposal of cuttings is not often practical at Kiggavik.

Any drill hole that encounters mineralization with uranium content greater than 1.0% over a length of > 1.0m and with a metre-per-cent concentration of > 5.0 is sealed by grouting over the entire length of the mineralization zone and not less than 10m above or below each mineralization zone.

GPS locations of all drill locations are recorded on the drill log and submitted with the annual report submitted to the regulatory agencies.

5. CORE LOGGING AND STORAGE

Logging of core is conducted mainly in a separate facility, which is located a few hundred metres away from the camp facilities. Geotechnical logging of core may also be conducted at the drill site.

Permanent and long-term storage areas of radioactive material, including core and drill cuttings, are located at least 31m from the main camp and at least 100m from the high water mark of all water bodies.

Gamma radiation levels at 1m from the surface of a storage area should be reduced to 1µSv/h and in no instances exceed 2.5µSv/h.

Permanent on-site core storage areas are locked when not in use and appropriately labelled with radiation warning signs.

If long-term off-site storage is required, ARC intends to transport the material to be stored at an operating uranium mining facility.

6. RADIOISOTOPES

Nuclear materials and radiation devices are used for exploration and instrument calibration. The possession, use, storage, and disposal of nuclear materials and radiation devices are carried out in strict accordance with Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) *Nuclear Substances and Radiation Devices Regulations* and licence conditions.

7. SPILLS

The uncontrolled or accidental release of any radioactive materials including drill mud solids and cuttings is considered a spill. All spills of radioactive material are to be appropriately reported and responded to in accordance with the Spill Contingency Plan, which was submitted and approved by authorising authorities with the applications submitted to conduct the field program.

In the event of a spill, radioactive materials are collected and necessary site remediation undertaken to meet the site abandonment criteria of less than 1µSv/h above background at a height of 1 m. To the greatest extent possible, all spill affected areas are to be decontaminated.

Material collected during the clean-up is stored in appropriate containers and stored in the on-site long-term storage area, for future handling.

8. SHIPPING OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

Shipping and receiving radioactive material is carried out in accordance with the CNSC *Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations* and the Transport Canada *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations*.

All personnel responsible for or directly involved with the shipment of radioactive materials must possess a valid transportation of dangerous goods (TDG) certificate which includes the transportation of Class 7 materials. Support personnel providing assistance during the preparation and shipment of radioactive material do not require TDG training as long as they are working under the direct supervision of trained individuals.

9. SITE ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION

Site abandonment and restoration is carried out in accordance with the Abandonment and Restoration Plan.

Gamma radiation surveys are conducted at each site prior to drilling and prior to final abandonment. Contaminated soil or cuttings are collected in appropriate containers and stored in the long-term core storage area for future handling, which may include transfer to an operating mine site. All drill sites are cleaned to ensure that the gamma dose rate at a height of 1m is less than 1μSv/h above ambient background.

All materials and equipment leaving the drill site are monitored for contamination in accordance with the RRMS. Materials or equipment that cannot be decontaminated to meet unrestricted release criteria are either stored in the long-term core storage area or shipped to a licensed facility such as the McClean Lake Operation in accordance with the CNSC *Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations* and the Transport Canada *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations*.

10. REFERENCES

AREVA Resources Canada Inc. Integrated Quality Management Systems Manual

Kiggavik Project Waste Management Plan

Kiggavik Project Noise Abatement Plan

Kiggavik Project Abandonment and Restoration Plan

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