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Mill Operators Training Program for Athabasca Basin Residents

In partnership with Northern Career Quest (NCQ), Orano Canada will be delivering a Mill Operations Training Program (MOTP) at the McClean Lake Operation for Athabasca Basin residents. The program is scheduled to run from September 2022 to December 2022 (exact dates TBD).

To be eligible for the program, participants must be an Athabasca resident, be 18 years of age or older, and have completed a minimum of grade 12 education or equivalent. We will be offering MOTP applicants a chance to prepare for the TOWES (Test of Workplace Essential Skills) with trained volunteers before they write the test. This nationally accepted test measures workplace essential skills of reading (comprehension), document use, and numeracy and is used to determine an individual's level of ability to handle common tasks required by a Mill Operator.

The six-week (462 hour) MOTP will be conducted at the McClean Lake Operation. Training will be delivered by site Mill Operations Group, Radiation Protection Group, and Training Group personnel. The rotation for the program is two-weeks in and two-weeks out, flying in and out on Tuesdays. Workdays for successful candidates will be 12 hours with an hour for lunch. This schedule, which is typical of a Mill Operator at McClean Lake, provides the trainees with an opportunity to become familiar with the employment expectations and work/life balance requirements of a Mill Operator at a remote work site.

During the program, the trainees will increase their knowledge and learn essential skills required to work as a uranium Mill Operator. Trainees will be provided significant opportunities to participate in job shadowing and on-the-job training in many different mill circuits. All trainees who successfully complete the Mill Operations Training Program and meet the required application criteria will be provided with an offer of employment with Orano at the McClean Lake Operation.

Athabasca Basin School Visits

The Orano Canada McClean Lake, Human Resource, and Northern Affairs teams visited students in Wollaston Lake on May 25. The day was full of presentations and demonstrations to give students an idea of what life is like at the McClean Lake Operation, and what career paths are available to them. The Black Lake, Stony Rapids, and Fond du Lac school visit scheduled for June 7 and 8 was cancelled due to mechanical issues; however, we are currently working with the schools to reschedule our visit for the end of September or beginning of October.

Waterfound River Exploration Program

The Waterfound River summer drilling program is a continuation of the winter work that was initiated in January of 2022. Summer drilling activities commenced on June 13 and continued until August 3. A total of 3,902 metres in seven drill holes were completed during the summer. In combination with the winter program, a total of 7,078 metres in 13 drill holes was completed in 2022. All drilling activities were carried out by Team Drilling and based out of Points North Landing.



Left to right: Pacey Gazandlare, Darrell Fidler (trainer), Brandon Clarke, Logan Robillard-Campbell

Regulatory News - Cluff Lake Public Hearing

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) recently announced that a public hearing regarding the decommissioned Cluff Lake Project will be held on March 1 or 2, 2023. Check out the Orano Canada YouTube Channel for a video about Cluff Lake in multiple languages. As decommissioning is complete, Orano has requested to return the land to the Government of Saskatchewan under the Institutional Control Program. For details on the process and to apply for participant funding, please see the CNSC website.



The Mill Ops Training Program 2022 spring participants

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