



Restarting the McClean Lake Operation

We are pleased to say that the McClean Lake uranium mill has been safely restarted and is now back in production. To minimize further downtime, the site team has spent the past few months on maintenance projects and restart preparations to ensure a smooth transition out of care and maintenance. Unfortunately, due to the pause in production caused by the pandemic, and the necessary timelines for completion of the program, we will not be able to run a Mill Operations Training Program for new trainees this year. We will look for opportunities to ensure this valuable program runs in the future, providing our operations with a qualified local workforce.

Safety continues to be our priority and as such we are reminding all employees and contractors to follow the provincial guidelines to ensure that our site remains a safe and healthy workplace. Now more than ever we need to keep the team healthy, and we are strongly encouraging everyone to get their COVID-19 vaccination when it's their turn.

Congratulations Summer Students

For the next four months we will be hosting two environment trainees, two warehouse summer students, two site services summer students and one radiation protection student at the site. All of these students are from Athabasca Basin communities and they will learn the ropes at an operating uranium mill. The students will gain valuable experience while we gain their energy and ideas during what will no doubt be a busy summer. Congratulations students!

Highlights of the Winter Exploration Program

Orano began winter exploration programs in January with the projects finishing in late March. Orano operated five projects this year and focused in the vicinity of the McClean Lake mill.

The drilling projects were accessed by the Athabasca Seasonal (Winter) Road with exploration and drill crews stationed at Points North Landing or the McClean Lake site. Drill operations occurred at Wolly, McClean Lake, Midwest and Waterbury-UEM. Geophysical surveys occurred at Wolly, Midwest and Waterfound River projects, with a small camp utilized for the Waterfound River survey.

Orano worked with a number of different contractors including Athabasca Basin owned Team Drilling and northern business Patterson Geophysics. Overall, we are pleased with the results of the winter program, which will help inform future programs.

JEB TMF Expansion Project Engagement and Workshop

The tailings management facility expansion project for McClean Lake continues to be top of mind. As we prepare for the September public hearing with the CNSC Commission, the Orano Canada team members continue to meet with interested northern and Athabasca Basin organizations. An AJES (Athabasca Joint Engagement and Environment Subcommittee) workshop is planned for later this spring and we look forward to delving into the details of the project and hearing any questions or concerns.

Contact Us

As always, we welcome questions and comments any time. Please call us at: 306-343-4500 or reach out through our website: oranocanada.com or social media.

