

## Article #1 ~ Update on Mount Nansen



*Mount Nansen Mine Site*

### What is Happening at Mount Nansen Mine?

You may be wondering what is happening at the Mount Nansen Mine site. Seven years ago, the operator of the site abandoned the property and the mine was closed. The existing mine site is permanently closed and the government is coordinating the final clean up.

There are several steps in planning for the closure of Mount Nansen:

**Step 1 - Closure Objectives:** First, objectives need to be developed to guide the closure of the mine. The community, Little Salmon-Carmacks First Nation and the federal and Yukon governments will develop these objectives.

**Step 2 – Identification and Selection of Alternatives:** Several alternatives will be identified that can meet the closure objectives. Then the preferred alternative will be selected.

**Step 3 – Closure Plan:** A closure plan will be created based on the preferred alternatives.

**Step 4 – Environmental Assessment & Permitting:** The closure plan will go through the environmental assessment process before the governments apply for the appropriate permits and approvals.

**Step 5 – Mine Closure and Monitoring:** The closure plan will be implemented and the site will be monitored to make sure the objectives are met.

The overall goal is to bring Mount Nansen to closure as soon as possible, involve the Village of Carmacks and the Little Salmon-Carmacks First Nation in the process, and maximize benefits for the community through employment opportunities associated with closure work. Final closure of the mine is anticipated in 2010.

If you want to share with us any knowledge that you have about the mine site or if you have any questions about what is going on, please contact our office at the address below or the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation Lands Department.



*Tailings pond at Mount Nansen*

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