Contaminated Sites Directorate

Our Role

The Contaminated Sites directorate manages contaminated sites located on Crown land in Nunavut that fall under Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's control. We identify waste/contaminated sites located on Crown land for which the department is liable; assess environmental impacts, clean up and manage contaminated sites on a priority basis, provide advice to Northerners, and circulate educational material concerning contaminated sites. There are a number of sites in Nunavut under other federal control such as the Department of National Defense.

To fulfill these responsibilities, we work with many partners including the Nunavut Planning Commission, the Nunavut Impact Review Board, the Nunavut Water Board, the Government of Nunavut, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. We also partner with regulatory agencies including Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Health Canada.

Our Activities

Our main activity is the remediation of contaminated sites in Nunavut. Here are a few sites we are working on:

- CAM-D
- CAM-F
- FOX-C
- Roberts and Ida Bay
- Radio Island

Every year, the Contaminated Sites directorate manages an environmental assessment program as described in the Federal Approach to Contaminated Sites. These assessments are conducted in conformance with CAN/CSA Z768 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (CSA) 1994 and in those cases where intrusive sampling is required, CAN/CSA Z769 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (CSA) 1998.

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