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Attachments: Issue alert - Eagle Gold Heap Leach Failure approved.docx

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Issue alert

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

Issue: Eagle Gold Mine heap-leach failure

Date: June 24, 2024

Other departments affected: Environment

Background

- Victoria Gold reported a heap leach failure at Eagle Gold Mine on the morning of Tuesday, June. 24. This failure is expected to have significant impacts to the mine.
- The company has voluntarily halted operations.
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- Victoria Gold Corp.

Messages

- This morning (June 24) Victoria Gold Corp. reported a heap leach failure at Eagle Gold mine.
- The company has indicated no workers were harmed.
- Mine operations have stopped while investigations are underway.
- Natural resource officers will be investigating.

Spokesperson: Kelly Constable, Director of Mineral Resources

Reviewed by: Kelly Constable, Director, Mineral Resources Branch

Will Tewnion, Director, CMI

Holly Dalrymple, Director, Communications

Darren Stahl, A/ADM Mineral Resources

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Approved by: Kelli Taylor, Acting Deputy Minister

Circulate to:

- Cabinet Communications
- ecoinfo@yukon.ca

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Hi Justin,

Here is some additional information about the site for your information:

- Eagle is currently the only active heap leach mine in the Yukon.
- However, Newmont's Coffee mine and Vic Golds Brewery Creek Mine are going to be heap leach.
- In addition, Casino has a heap leach component (it has both a heap leach and a flotation processing system).
- Brewery Creek and Eagle Gold expansion are in the PSE process for an ExCom review. Victoria Gold is the proponent for both these projects.
- Coffee is in regulatory review.
- Casino is preparing its ESES (i.e. project proposal) expected second half of this year.
- We are checking into whether there were any specific concerns raised by NND.

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We will factor this info into subsequent briefing notes on this topic.

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From: Mika.Ebisawa
Sent: June 25, 2024 12:10 PM
To: Samantha.Paterson; Briar.Young; Stephen.Mead; Heather.Mills; Shehnaz.Ali; Brian.MacDonald; Kelli.Taylor; Kate.Durand
CC: Gurmaan.Rai; Tracey.Anderson; Carolyn.Relf; Matthew.Ball; Mika.Ebisawa; Diane.Gunter; Keith.Maguire; Carleen.Kerr
Subject: 3E's - Call agenda for Fri July 5

Good afternoon,

This is a call for agenda items for the 3E's meeting on July 5, 2024.

Below are the items requested by Carlee. Please send any additional agenda items to me by the end of the day on July 3.

- Cumulative Effects – Briefing from Diane Gunter from ENV.
- Eagle Gold Landslide – Briefing from ENV/EMR on the response. Either Briar or Stephen will brief or bring their officials to brief, specifically about the NND response/feedback on the situation.
- Wildlife Management within the Kaska Territory – Led by Briar and Keith.

Thank you,
Mika



Mika Ebisawa
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From: ecoinfo

Sent: June 26, 2024 3:31 PM

Subject: Statement from Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources John Streicker on the heap leach failure at the Eagle Gold mine

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Read more: <https://yukon.ca/en/news/statement-minister-energy-mines-and-resources-john-streicker-heap-leach-failure-eagle-gold-mine>



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From: ecoinfo

Sent: June 27, 2024 4:12 PM

Subject: Government of Yukon to provide update on the Victoria Gold heap leach failure - Government of Yukon media advisory

Attention newsrooms

June 27, 2024

Government of Yukon to provide update on the Victoria Gold heap leach failure

Media are invited to attend a technical briefing on the June 24 heap-leach facility failure at Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold mine and the Government of Yukon's role and response.

The following Government of Yukon officials with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources will be available to provide comments and answer questions:

- Director of Mineral Resources Kelly Constable
- Director of Compliance Monitoring and Inspections Will Tewnion
- Manager of Major Mine Licensing Erin Dowd
- Head of Major Mines Russell McDiarmid

The Yukon's Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health and representatives from the Departments of Environment, Health and Social Services and the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board (Yukon) will also be available to answer questions. Confirmed representatives include:

- Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Shobit Maruti
- Acting Director Water Resources Branch for the Department of Environment Nicole Novodvorsky
- Manager of Mine Safety for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board Meredith Young
- Manager of Communications and Social Marketing for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board Heather Avery
- Director of Community Health Programs for the Department of Health and Social Services Benton Foster

When: Friday, June 28, 2024
10:30 am (Yukon Time)

Where: Energy, Mines and Resources Corporate Boardroom
3rd Floor, Elijah Smith Building, 300 Main Street, Whitehorse

To attend via Zoom, please contact Devon Seaman at devon.seaman@yukon.ca.

The Government of Yukon will provide weekly briefings to update the media on this situation. These are scheduled for Thursdays July 4, July 11, July 18 and July 25 at 10:30 am in the Energy, Mines and Resources Corporate Boardroom.

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Subject: Victoria Gold issue alert

Hello - attached is our approved issue alert for the heap-leach failure at Victoria Gold's mine.

Best,

John



John Thompson

Pronouns: [he/him](#)

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CBC interviews, 12 to 1 pm

CHON-FM interviews, 9 am to 12 pm

Territorial news

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CBC interviews, 12 to 1 pm

12:11 Jackie Hong, CBC, “Daylu Dena Council holds grand opening for new administration and cultural building”

12:22 Nancy Russell, CBC; Jason MacNeil, PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation, “New program teaches students about agricultural traditions of the Mi’kmaq and the Acadians”

12:40 Lis Pilon, advocate, “Discussion about traumatic brain injuries”

12:52 Elder Harold Gatensby, Kwanlin Dun First Nation [clip], “National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrated at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre”

CHON-FM interviews, 9 am to 12 pm

No interviews.

Territorial News

Yukon government reduces speed limit on part of Alaska Highway

The Yukon government has reduced the speed limit on a portion of the Alaska Highway. This measure aims to improve road safety for all users including drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Carcross/Tagish First Nation issues warning for mushroom pickers

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation has issued some guidelines for mushroom pickers who intend to harvest within the Deep Bay fire site this year. The nation is reminding the public that the fire site lies within the unceded traditional territory of the First Nation. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Child with Type 1 Diabetes not allocated education assistant ahead of starting school

Navigating Type 1 Diabetes can be a difficult task for anyone but for a five year-old named Sadie, it’s especially challenging. She wouldn’t be allocated an education assistant for when she starts school this fall. The President of the Yukon T1D Support Network says it’s hard to imagine a five year-old navigating that alone.

Speakers: Marney Paradis, President, Yukon T1D Support Network (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Ontario MP sends colouring map of Canada without PEI or Yukon to his constituents

A colouring map of Canada sent to constituents of an Ontario MP is noticeably missing Prince Edward Island and the Yukon. The MP later realized the mistake and apologized. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

North Klondike Highway re-opens following weekend wildfire

The North Klondike Highway re-opened this morning. It closed a couple of times over the weekend due to wildfire, but that wasn't the only fire of note in the Yukon over the weekend. There are currently 33 active fires across the Yukon. (CKRW 12:00 pm, CBC Radio 12:30 pm)

'Heap leach failure' leads to massive slide at Yukon mine, no reported injuries

There has been a landslide at Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold Mine just north of Mayo. The slide happened earlier this morning.

Speakers: Chief Dawna Hope, Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation ([CBC Radio](#) 12:30 pm)

Oil and gas company issues new proposal before Yukon assessment board

An oil and gas company is once again eyeing reserves in the Eagle Plains. A new proposal will go before the Yukon's assessment board. Plans include collecting seismic data and drilling up to 30 wells. That work would span 10 years.

Speakers: Richard Wyman, President, Chance Oil & Gas Ltd. (CBC Radio 12:30 pm)

Election date for Teslin Tlingit Council extended

The election date for Teslin Tlingit Council has been extended. Nominations will now close July 5th at 4:00pm. Election day will now be August 16th. (CBC Radio 12:30 pm)

Daylu Dena Council holds grand opening for new administration and cultural building

The Daylu Dena Council held a grand opening for its new administration and cultural building over the weekend. It replaces the council's old office which was housed in a former residential school. The occasion was largely celebratory.

Speakers: Mary Maje, Kaska Elder (CBC Radio 12:30 pm)

UPDATE: Yukon government reports no workers injured in Victoria Gold landslide ([Yukon News](#))

National News**Canada takes step toward boosting tariff regime on Chinese EVs by announcing consultation**

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End: 2024-06-24 4:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Received

Organizer: Mark.Radke
Required Attendees: Justin.Ferbey
Resources: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Monday, June 24, 2024 4:00 PM-4:30 PM.

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Tuesday, June 25, 2024**CBC interviews, 6 to 8:30 am**

6:38 am Sean Fitzgerald, reporter; "Recap of Game 7 of Stanley Cup Finals"

6:50 am Tony Irwin, Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations; "New report on how much income is spent on rent"

7:19 am Andrew Hynes; participants "Participants talk about Yukon River Quest"

7:24 am Laura Cabott, Mayor of Whitehorse [clip]; Ted Laking, city councillor [clip]; "Money allotted for curbside recycling program"

7:38 am Trevor Ellis, Mayor of Mayo; "Damage at Yukon's Eagle mine site could be 'worst-case scenario,' says local mayor"

7:48 am Chris MacIntyre; Stacey Hassard, MLA for Pelly Nisutlin; Verna Nukon, Ross River Dena Council "Ross River residents pushing for swimming pool reopening"

7:54 am Claire Ness, Yukon Circus Society; "North Klondike Highway remains closed due to wildfires"

8:13 am Caitrin Pilkington; cyclists; Dave Shellnutt, lawyer; "Is Whitehorse doing enough to protect cyclists?"

8:24 am Stan McNevin, citizen; "Community report from Eagle Plains"

CHON-FM interviews, 6 to 9 am

None

Territorial news

Damage at Yukon's Eagle mine site could be 'worst-case scenario,' says local mayor

The mayor of Mayo, Yukon, says a heap leach failure and slide reported Monday at the Eagle gold mine will have a "huge impact" on his community, and the territory as a whole. Mayor Trevor Ellis said he's shocked by the incident which has indefinitely halted operations at the mine. "'Catastrophic' would probably be, from what I'm hearing, would probably be a good way to describe it," he said of the incident.

Speakers: Trevor Ellis, Mayor of Mayo; Kate White, Yukon NDP leader;

([CBC Radio](#), 6:30 am, 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

Election Day for Carcross First Nation

It's Election Day for Carcross First Nation. Seven candidates are running chief. Eligible citizens can cast ballots at three locations.

(CBC Radio, 6:30 am, 8:30 am)

Money allotted for curbside recycling program

Whitehorse city council gave a second reading to amend the city's operating budget which if passed, the amendments would add \$715,000 to this year's budget for a curbside recycling program.

Speakers: Dan Boyd, city councillor;

(CBC Radio, 6:30 am, 8:30 am)

City council defeats motion on maximum allowable height for downtown buildings

Whitehorse city council defeated an attempt to raise the maximum allowable height for buildings downtown. The current limit is 25 meters or 30 meters with special consideration. The City Planning Committee had recommended a bylaw to amend that. Mayor and council were split three votes for and three against.

Speakers: Mellisa Murray, City Councillor

(CBC Radio, 7:30 am)

Whitehorse sets date for municipal election

Whitehorse will hold its municipal election October 17th. Council passed a bylaw outlining election procedures. Nominations will open September 10th. Internet voting was pitched in an earlier draft of the bylaw. It was ultimately removed from the final version.

(CBC Radio, 7:30 am)

Ross River residents pushing for swimming pool reopening

Residents of Ross River want the town's swimming pool reopened. The pool has been closed since 2018 because of structural problems. Stacey Hassard he's been urging the government for years to fix the pool.

Speakers: Stacey Hassard, MLA for Pelly Nisutlin;

(CBC Radio, 7:30 am)

North Klondike Highway closed due to wildfire smoke

The North Klondike Highway between Pelly Crossing and Stewart Crossing has been closed yet again due to wildfires. Hayley Ritchie says closures will likely happen during hours of peak fire activity.

Speakers: Hayley Ritchie; Fire Information Officer;

(CHON 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision North of Teslin

On June 19, 2024 at 1:30 pm, Teslin RCMP responded to a report of a serious motor vehicle collision between a SUV and a truck with a fifth wheel trailer on the Alaska Highway near Squanga Lake. Traffic Collision Analyst and Yukon's Chief Coroner were advised of situation and attended the scene. Two adult female occupants from Yukon were ejected from the SUV and found to be deceased. One other injured adult from the SUV and two American citizens from the truck were transported by Emergency Medical Services to Whitehorse General Hospital.

(CHON 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

Motorcycle crash reported on Dempster Highway

There's been another motorcycle crash on the Dempster Highway. RCMP say a 67-year-old man from Michigan was injured Friday. Police say the man was wearing a backpack airbag system designed for motorcycles. It's the second motorcycle crash in recent days on the Dempster.

(CHON 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

Yukon mine halts operations after system failure, says infrastructure damaged ([APTN Online News](#))

National news

Inflation ticked up to 2.9% in May ([CBC Online News](#))

No spike in cottage, investment property sales as new capital gains rules take effect ([CBC Online News](#))

Controversial capital gains change now in effect ([CTV Online News](#))

Canada's annual inflation rate rose to 2.9 per cent in May, driven by services prices, groceries ([CTV Online news](#))

'This changes everything': Conservatives win Toronto byelection, beating Liberals in major upset ([CTV Online News](#))

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'It's a healing ceremony': Kwanlin Dün citizen brings back custom of Indigenous tattooing ([APTN Online News](#))

National news

Canada takes step toward boosting tariff regime on Chinese EVs by announcing consultation

Ottawa is considering levying a big tax on electric vehicles produced by China. Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland says the measure is in response to concerns that China is using subsidies to flood the global market with EVs.

Speakers: Chrystia Freeland, Finance Minister ([CBC Radio](#) 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm)

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CBC interviews, 6 to 8:30 am

6:38 am Sean Fitzgerald, reporter; "Recap of Game 7 of Stanley Cup Finals"

6:50 am Tony Irwin, Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations; "New report on how much income is spent on rent"

7:19 am Andrew Hynes; participants "Participants talk about Yukon River Quest"

7:24 am Laura Cabott, Mayor of Whitehorse [clip]; Ted Laking, city councillor [clip]; "Money allotted for curbside recycling program"

- 7:38 am Trevor Ellis, Mayor of Mayo; "Damage at Yukon's Eagle mine site could be 'worst-case scenario,' says local mayor"
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- 7:54 am Claire Ness, Yukon Circus Society; "North Klondike Highway remains closed due to wildfires"
- 8:13 am Caitrin Pilkington; cyclists; Dave Shellnutt, lawyer; "Is Whitehorse doing enough to protect cyclists?"
- 8:24 am Stan McNevin, citizen; "Community report from Eagle Plains"

CHON-FM interviews, 6 to 9 am

None

Territorial news

Damage at Yukon's Eagle mine site could be 'worst-case scenario,' says local mayor

The mayor of Mayo, Yukon, says a heap leach failure and slide reported Monday at the Eagle gold mine will have a "huge impact" on his community, and the territory as a whole. Mayor Trevor Ellis said he's shocked by the incident which has indefinitely halted operations at the mine. "Catastrophic" would probably be, from what I'm hearing, would probably be a good way to describe it," he said of the incident.

Speakers: Trevor Ellis, Mayor of Mayo; Kate White, Yukon NDP leader;
 (CBC Radio, 6:30 am, 7:30 am, 8:30 am)
 (CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

Election Day for Carcross First Nation

It's Election Day for Carcross First Nation. Seven candidates are running chief. Eligible citizens can cast ballots at three locations.
 (CBC Radio, 6:30 am, 8:30 am)

Money allotted for curbside recycling program

Whitehorse city council gave a second reading to amend the city's operating budget which if passed, the amendments would add \$715,000 to this year's budget for a curbside recycling program.
 Speakers: Dan Boyd, city councillor;
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City council defeats motion on maximum allowable height for downtown buildings

Whitehorse city council defeated an attempt to raise the maximum allowable height for buildings downtown. The current limit is 25 meters or 30 meters with special consideration. The City Planning Committee had recommended a bylaw to amend that. Mayor and council were split three votes for and three against.

Speakers: Mellisa Murray, City Councillor
 (CBC Radio, 7:30 am)

Whitehorse sets date for municipal election

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On June 19, 2024 at 1:30 pm, Teslin RCMP responded to a report of a serious motor vehicle collision between a SUV and a truck with a fifth wheel trailer on the Alaska Highway near Squanga Lake. Traffic Collision Analyst and Yukon's Chief Coroner were advised of situation and attended the scene. Two adult female occupants from Yukon were ejected from the SUV and found to be deceased. One other injured adult from the SUV and two American citizens from the truck were transported by Emergency Medical Services to Whitehorse General Hospital.

(CHON 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

Motorcycle crash reported on Dempster Highway

There's been another motorcycle crash on the Dempster Highway. RCMP say a 67-year-old man from Michigan was injured Friday. Police say the man was wearing a backpack airbag system designed for motorcycles. It's the second motorcycle crash in recent days on the Dempster.

(CHON 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

Yukon mine halts operations after system failure, says infrastructure damaged ([APTN Online News](#))

National news

Inflation ticked up to 2.9% in May ([CBC Online News](#))

No spike in cottage, investment property sales as new capital gains rules take effect ([CBC Online News](#))

Controversial capital gains change now in effect ([CTV Online News](#))

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No interviews.

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North Klondike Highway re-opening may only be temporary

The North Klondike Highway has been re-opened but the Department of Highways and Public Works warns it may only be open for a few hours. A travel advisory remains in place due to impacts from a wildfire.

Speakers: Haley Ritchie, fire information officer (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Landslide at Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold Mine

There was a landslide at Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold Mine yesterday morning. Victoria Gold has confirmed that there was a failure in the mine's heap leach pad, resulting in some damage to mine infrastructure and a containment breach of the heap leach materials. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

More para ramps coming to downtown Whitehorse

The City of Whitehorse will be adding more para ramps to the downtown core. Work began yesterday and will continue until tomorrow. The city's contractor will be installing the ramps at 11 locations. The para ramps are designed to accommodate those with limited mobility as well as mobility aids. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Teslin Tlingit Council general election postponed

The Teslin Tlingit Council general election has been postponed due to a recent tragic event in the community. The new closing date is set for July 5th at 4:00 p.m. The election will now be held on August 16th. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Residents of Yukon communities losing their waste transfer stations offer suggestions

In the fall of last year, four unincorporated Yukon communities learned that they would be losing their waste transfer stations. Residents have recently shared their concerns and offered up some ideas on improving waste transfer stations in the Yukon government's latest What We Heard report. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

City of Whitehorse encouraging heat safety practices ahead of high temperatures

With very warm weather expected in the next week, it's important to brush up on some heat safety. The City of Whitehorse is encouraging folks to check in with friends and neighbours during periods of extreme heat, especially those with health conditions, seniors, and newborns. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Yukon government reduces speed limit on part of Alaska Highway

The Yukon government has reduced the speed limit on a portion of the Alaska Highway. This measure aims to improve road safety for all users including drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. (CKRW 12:00 pm)

Shares of Victoria Gold drop following landslide

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Speakers: Trevor Ellis, Mayor of Mayo (CBC Radio 12:30 pm)

Local food truck owner urges better prevention against vandalism

In Whitehorse, a food truck owner says the city needs to do more to prevent vandalism and theft. He says his truck was vandalized last weekend. The City of Whitehorse says some food trucks encountered the same problems last summer.

Speakers: Stephanie Chevalier, city spokesperson (CBC Radio 12:30 pm)

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In Whitehorse, there will not be any 40-metre tall buildings anytime soon. Last night, council defeated an attempt to raise the maximum allowable height for buildings downtown. The current limit is 25 metres or 30 metres with special considerations.

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Speakers: Stacey Hassard, MLA ([CBC Radio](#) 12:30 pm)

National News

Inflation ticked up to 2.9% in May

Canada's inflation rate rose to 2.9% last month. That's up from 2.7 in April. Most analysts agree that after months of steady decreases, that's something of a surprise, and it comes after the Bank of Canada cut its interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point just three weeks ago. ([CBC Radio](#) 12:00 pm, CKRW 12:00 pm)

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National news

Trudeau admits that losing Toronto-St.Paul's is tough on the Liberal Party

Following the byelection loss for the Liberals in the riding of Toronto-St.Paul's, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has admitted that this outcome is tough on the party. Trudeau says that although this was not the result the party was hoping for, he wishes to make it clear that he hears the frustrations of Canadians, and that it is clear that he and the party have much more work to do. The Liberals held the riding of Toronto-St.Paul for 3 decades.

Speakers: Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; ([CBC Radio](#), 5:02pm)

Ottawa urges those who are still in Lebanon to leave the country

Amidst an escalation in the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, Melanie Joly, has urged Canadians who are still in Lebanon to leave the country while commercial flights are still available. According to Minister Joly, the security situation is becoming increasingly volatile and unpredictable, and could worsen without any notice.

Speakers: ([CBC Radio](#), 5:04pm)

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CBC interviews, 6 to 8:30 am

6:14 am Lori Turnbull, Dalhousie University; "Conservatives take Toronto-St. Paul's riding in major upset for Liberals"

6:38 am Mark Henick, author; "Importance of taking care of social health"

6:53 am George Maratos; cyclists; "Cyclists honour victim of hit and run"

7:19 am Cheryl Kawaja; Ross Edgley, British athlete; "Brit sets record for swimming from Lake Laberge to Dawson City"

7:37 am John Steen, University of British Columbia; "Discussion on Eagle Gold mine Incident"

7:55 am George Maratos; "Yukon River quest begins today"

8:14 am Caitrin Pilkington; cyclists; "What is and isn't working when it comes to bicycle Infrastructure in Whitehorse"

8:26 am George Maratos; "Yukon River quest update"

CHON-FM interviews, 6 to 9 am

None

Territorial news

Victoria Gold Eagle mine workers arrive in Whitehorse

Workers from Victoria Gold's Eagle mine have started to arrive in Whitehorse. The mine shut down operations Monday after a landslide. None of the Eagle mine workers wanted to be recorded. Mostly they spoke about how grateful they are.

(CBC Radio, 6:30 am)

Carcross/Tagish First Nation election results

Maria Benoit been reelected as chief of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. Benoit received 101 votes in yesterday's election.

(CBC Radio, 6:30 am, 8:30 am)

Indigenous tattooing being revived in the Yukon

Indigenous tattooing is back in the Yukon. A Kwanlin Dün First Nation citizen is reviving the tradition. Anne Spice is in Whitehorse for the next few weeks to tattoo almost 30 members of her community. The First Nation's health and wellness team is paying for her work.

Speakers: Anne Spice, tattooist;

([CBC Radio](#), 6:30 am, 8:30 am)

Update on Eagle Gold mine incident

Days after a landslide at the Victoria Gold Eagle mine, there's still little information about the extent of the incidents. Neither the company nor the Government of Yukon have said whether the contamination has been contained.

Speakers: John McConnell, Victoria Gold; John Steen, industry expert; Kate White, Yukon NDP leader (CKRW);

(CBC Radio, 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

Report on waste transfer stations

The Government of Yukon has released a report on public feedback on waste transfer stations. The government wanted to remove waste transfer stations in Braeburn, Johnson's Crossing, Silver City and Keno City. The focus would then be on modernize some waste disposal services in larger communities. Resident Amber Smith says the removal of Keno's waste transfer station has resulted in more headaches.

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YBS report on Consumer price index

There was slower growth in the Whitehorse CPI than the national one, according to the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. The Whitehorse CPI increased by 2.3% compared to the same month last year, while the national rate is 2.9%

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

Whitehorse city council passes motions for more spending

Whitehorse city council has passed two motions calling for big increases in city spending. One motion called for the city to carve out a further \$250,000 for the purchase of new transit busses. Another is calling for over \$2.8 million in spending to set up a temporary curbside recycling service.

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U.K. man pushes 'boundaries of common sense' with 510-km non-stop swim down frigid Yukon River ([CBC Online News](#))

National news

WestJet workers issue strike notice

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Following the byelection loss for the Liberals in the riding of Toronto-St.Paul's, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has admitted that this outcome is tough on the party. Trudeau says that although this was not the result the party was hoping for, he wishes to make it clear that he hears the frustrations of Canadians, and that it is clear that he and the party have much more work to do. The Liberals held the riding of Toronto-St.Paul for 3 decades.

Speakers: Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; ([CBC Radio](#), 5:02pm)

Ottawa urges those who are still in Lebanon to leave the country

Amidst an escalation in the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, the Foreign Affairs Minister, Melanie Joly, has urged Canadians who are still in Lebanon to leave the country while commercial flights are still available. According to Minister Joly, the security situation is becoming increasingly volatile and unpredictable, and could worsen without any notice.

Speakers: ([CBC Radio](#), 5:04pm)

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

CBC interviews, 6 to 8:30 am

6:14 am Lori Turnbull, Dalhousie University; "Conservatives take Toronto-St. Paul's riding in major upset for Liberals"

6:38 am Mark Henick, author; "Importance of taking care of social health"

6:53 am George Maratos; cyclists; "Cyclists honour victim of hit and run"

7:19 am Cheryl Kawaja; Ross Edgley, British athlete; "Brit sets record for swimming from Lake Laberge to Dawson City"

7:37 am John Steen, University of British Columbia; "Discussion on Eagle Gold mine Incident"

7:55 am George Maratos; "Yukon River quest begins today"

8:14 am Caitrin Pilkington; cyclists; "What is and isn't working when it comes to bicycle Infrastructure in Whitehorse"

8:26 am George Maratos; "Yukon River quest update"

CHON-FM interviews, 6 to 9 am

None

Territorial news

Victoria Gold Eagle mine workers arrive in Whitehorse

Workers from Victoria Gold's Eagle mine have started to arrive in Whitehorse. The mine shut down operations Monday after a landslide. None of the Eagle mine workers wanted to be recorded. Mostly they spoke about how grateful they are.

(CBC Radio, 6:30 am)

Carcross/Tagish First Nation election results

Maria Benoit been reelected as chief of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. Benoit received 101 votes in yesterday's election.

(CBC Radio, 6:30 am, 8:30 am)

Indigenous tattooing being revived in the Yukon

Indigenous tattooing is back in the Yukon. A Kwanlin Dün First Nation citizen is reviving the tradition. Anne Spice is in Whitehorse for the next few weeks to tattoo almost 30 members of her community. The First Nation's health and wellness team is paying for her work.

Speakers: Anne Spice, tattooist;

([CBC Radio](#), 6:30 am, 8:30 am)

Update on Eagle Gold mine incident

Days after a landslide at the Victoria Gold Eagle mine, there's still little information about the extent of the incidents. Neither the company nor the Government of Yukon have said whether the contamination has been contained.

Speakers: John McConnell, Victoria Gold; John Steen, industry expert; Kate White, Yukon NDP leader (CKRW);

(CBC Radio, 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

Report on waste transfer stations

The Government of Yukon has released a report on public feedback on waste transfer stations. The government wanted to remove waste transfer stations in Braeburn, Johnson's Crossing, Silver City and Keno City. The focus would then be on modernize some waste disposal services in larger communities. Resident Amber Smith says the removal of Keno's waste transfer station has resulted in more headaches.

Speakers: Amber Smith, resident;

(CBC Radio, 7:30 am)

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

North Klondike Highway closed due to wildfire smoke

The North Klondike Highway between Pelly Crossing and Stewart Crossing has been closed yet again due to wildfires. Hayley Ritchie says closures will likely happen during hours of peak fire activity.

Speakers: Hayley Ritchie; Fire Information Officer;

(CHON 7:30 am, 8:30 am)

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

YBS report on Consumer price index

There was slower growth in the Whitehorse CPI than the national one, according to the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. The Whitehorse CPI increased by 2.3% compared to the same month last year, while the national rate is 2.9%

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

Whitehorse city council passes motions for more spending

Whitehorse city council has passed two motions calling for big increases in city spending. One motion called for the city to carve out a further \$250,000 for the purchase of new transit busses. Another is calling for over \$2.8 million in spending to set up a temporary curbside recycling service.

(CKRW 7:00 am, 8:00 am)

U.K. man pushes 'boundaries of common sense' with 510-km non-stop swim down frigid Yukon River

([CBC Online News](#))

National news

WestJet workers issue strike notice

WestJet mechanics have issued a strike notice with possible job action starting as early as Friday. The airline says it received notice yesterday with work stoppage possible starting at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.
(CBC Radio, 7:30 am)

WestJet mechanics issue strike notice for possible job action Friday ([CBC Online News](#))

After early struggles, federal refugee employment program gains traction with employers ([CBC Online News](#))

Federal government ends cod moratorium in Newfoundland after more than 30 years ([CTV Online News](#))

WestJet mechanics issue strike notice for possible job action Friday ([CTV Online News](#))

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From: Carleen.Kerr
Sent: June 26, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Justin.Ferbey
Subject: Minister's Statement re: Victoria Gold heap leach facility

Hi Justin,

Just a heads up that Minister Streicker is aiming to issue a statement today around 2 pm in advance of the Premier's event at 3:30 pm, to provide an update on the heap leach failure.

I'll keep you posted.

Kind regards,
Carlee

Carleen Kerr

Pronouns: [she/her/elle](#)

a/Assistant Deputy Minister

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Commemorating the Yukon's 125th anniversary – 1898 to 2023

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Subject: Vic Gold Briefing
Location: Cabinet Boardroom; or teams

Start: 2024-06-26 1:15 PM
End: 2024-06-26 2:15 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: Weekly
Recurrence Pattern: Occurs every Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM effective 5/7/2024 until 10/1/2024.

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Lauren.Haney
Required Attendees: John.Streicker; Moira.Lassen; Michelle.Crossfield
Optional Attendees: cab-sr; cabinet-com; Laura.Seeley; Kim.Stavert; Sabrina-Jean.Fred; Justin.Ferbey; Briar.Young; Kelli.Taylor; Gurmaan.Rai; Michael.Prochazka; Jason.Cunning; Tracy.McPhee; CAB-Boardroom; Nils.Clarke; Darren.Stahl; Cabinet-MLA; Cabinet-ma; Will.Tewnion; Russell.McDiarmid; Brian.MacDonald; Michele.Shaw
Resources: Cabinet Boardroom; or teams

Attachments: Eagle Gold Mine – Heap Leach Facility Failure.pptx

Location update-in person in the Cabinet Boardroom

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

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For organizers: [Meeting options](#) | [Reset dial-in PIN](#)

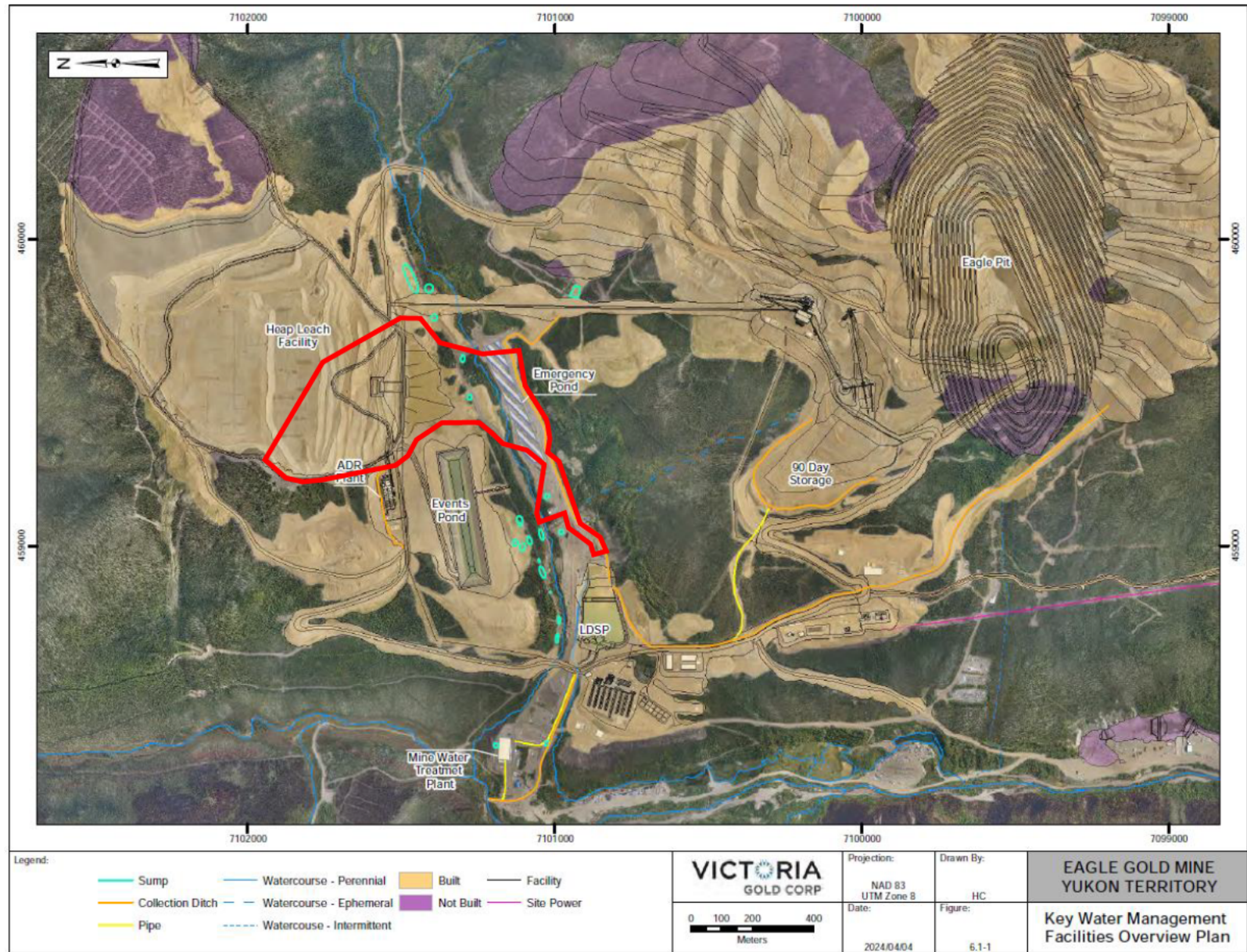


Eagle Gold Mine – Heap Leach Facility Failure











<https://eos.org/thelandslideblog/eagle-gold-mine-1>

From: Lisa.Eddy
Sent: June 26, 2024 3:46 PM
To: Sylvia.Anderson
CC: Deborah.Lemaire; Andrew.Gaule; Starlene.Elias; Justin.Ferbey; Jason.Cunning
Subject: Initial Economic Analysis of Victoria Gold Heap Leach Pad landslide
Attachments: Memo Economic Development Initial Economic Analysis Victoria Gold.docx; Victoria Gold Initial Economic Analysis Information Note 2024 06 26.docx

Good afternoon,

Please find attached an initial economic assessment of the Victoria Gold Heap Leach Pad landslide for Premier Pillai.

Regards,



Lisa Eddy (she/her)

A/ Director

Economic Development | Policy, Planning & Communications

T 867-456-6529 | lisa.eddy@yukon.ca



Department of Economic Development
PO Box 2703 (F-1), Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

**MEMORANDUM
FOR INFORMATION**

June 26, 2024

To: Ranj Pillai
Premier and Minister of Economic Development

From: Deborah Lemaire
Deputy Minister, Economic Development

Re: Initial Economic Assessment of Victoria Gold Heap Leach Pad Slide

Attached please find an information note with an initial economic assessment of the Victoria Gold Heap Leach Pad landslide.

Deborah Lemaire
Deputy Minister, Economic Development

Encl.

(1) Victoria Gold Initial Economic Analysis Information Note

Information Note
Victoria Gold Initial Economic Analysis
Prepared for Deputy Minister Deborah Lemaire

ISSUE: On June 24, 2024 there was a failure and landslide at Victoria Gold's heap leach pad. A portion of the crushed ore that makes up the pad, containing the cyanide leachate, was reported as escaping containment.

CONTEXT

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ANALYSIS

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https://vgcx.com/site/assets/files/7646/estma_reporting_template_-_vgcx_05-13-2024.pdf

⁴ Ibid.

From: ecc.planningsection
Sent: June 26, 2024 6:30 PM
Subject: Yukon ECC Sitrep - 2026-06-26
Attachments: 2024-06-26_SitRep-33.pdf

Hello,

The Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is currently activated to a **Response Level 2** at this time. The Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) was activated today and it is **Ops Period 1 (10:00-18:00)** for Sitrep 33 for this calendar year.

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Regards,

Michelle

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Situational Report

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| SITUATIONAL REPORT #: | 33 | INCIDENT NUMBER(S): | 24-26-00-ECC Activation 24-23-03-I MA004 Wildfire 24-24-04-I Wrong Lake Fire 24-25-03-I Victoria Gold Mine Heap Leech Failure 24-17-00-S Yukon River Quest Support | | | |
| DATE: | 2024-06-26 | | | | | |
| RESPONSE LEVEL: | Level 2 | | | | | |
| ECC OPS PERIOD: | 1 | | | | | |
| ECC DIRECTOR: | Shane Skarnulis | PLANNING: | Michelle Klaben | | | |
| ACTIVATION LEVELS: | 1 ROUTINE MONITORING | 2 ENHANCED MONITORING | 3 MODERATE | 4 SEVERE | 5 CRITICAL | 6 CATASTROPHIC |
| DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT THREAT / EVENT: | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The North Klondike Highway is being impacted by the Wrong Lake Fire and is being closed and reopened in response to fire activity. An evacuation alert has been issued for Stewart Crossing and the North Klondike highway from Km 522 to 538. An evacuation alert has been issued for the wilderness area northwest of the Minto Bridge to the South McQuesten Road on the Silver Trail. WFM is actively fighting the fire. | | | | | | |
| ACTIVE ALERTS (AND ROAD CLOSURES OF NOTE): | | | | | | |
| Evacuation Alert | | 2024-06-26 | Stewart Crossing including Km 522 to km 538 on the North Klondike Highway | | | |
| Evacuation Alert | | 2024-06-19 | Wilderness area northwest of Minto Bridge | | | |
| For further information: | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yukon Emergencies - https://yukon.ca/emergencies Yukon Wildfire Hub - https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca/ BC Wildfire hub - https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yukon Highway information – https://511yukon.ca Flood Atlas - https://flood-atlas.service.yukon.ca/ Drive BC – https://www.drivebc.ca Current Air Quality https://cyclone.unbc.ca/aqmap/ Weather Alerts https://weather.gc.ca/mainmenu/alert_menu_e.html | | | |
| INCIDENT UPDATES: | | | | | | |
| 24-24-04-I Wrong Lake Wildfire (Deteriorating) | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wrong Lake Fire is burning along the North Klondike Highway between Pelly and Stewart Crossing. The North Klondike Highway has been closing and reopening in response to the fire activity with sporadic pilot car runs based on fire activity, fire fighting activity, and road visibility safety. An evacuation alert was issued for Stewart Crossing and the North Klondike Highway from Km 522 to 538 today (June 26). The evacuation alert area can be viewed at https://yukon.ca/emergencies The Ethel Lake road access on the North Klondike is being impacted by the road closures and fire activity and is within the evacuation alert issued. The Ethel Lake campground will be closed until further notice at this time. Air purification units were delivered in Pelly Crossing today (June 26th) for use at the Link Building in Pelly Crossing and in the health centre. Low-cost air filters were also delivered in Pelly Crossing for Selkirk First Nation to distribute to community members who are more likely to be experience negative health impacts to use in their homes. | | | | | | |
| 24-23-03-I MA004 Wildfire (Improving) | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An evacuation alert has been put in place for the area northwest of Minto Bridge to the South McQuesten Road, west of the Silver Trail. There are no known residences in the evacuation alert area, but there are mining operations. WFM is informing miners in the area of the situation. The Evacuation Alert with a map of the alert area can be viewed at https://yukon.ca/emergencies | | | | | | |

24-25-03-I Victoria Gold Mine Heap Leach Failure (Stable)

- On Monday June 24th there was a bench failure at the Heap Leach Facility at the Victoria Gold Mine site. Testing to determine the extent of the impact of this failure is underway. On site there is a stability assessment taking place before work can begin in the slide area.
- The Department of Health and Social Services is engaged and has connected with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada to assess the potential health risks of this incident.
- The Department of Energy Mines and Resources is managing all assessments of the failure and other environmental concerns.

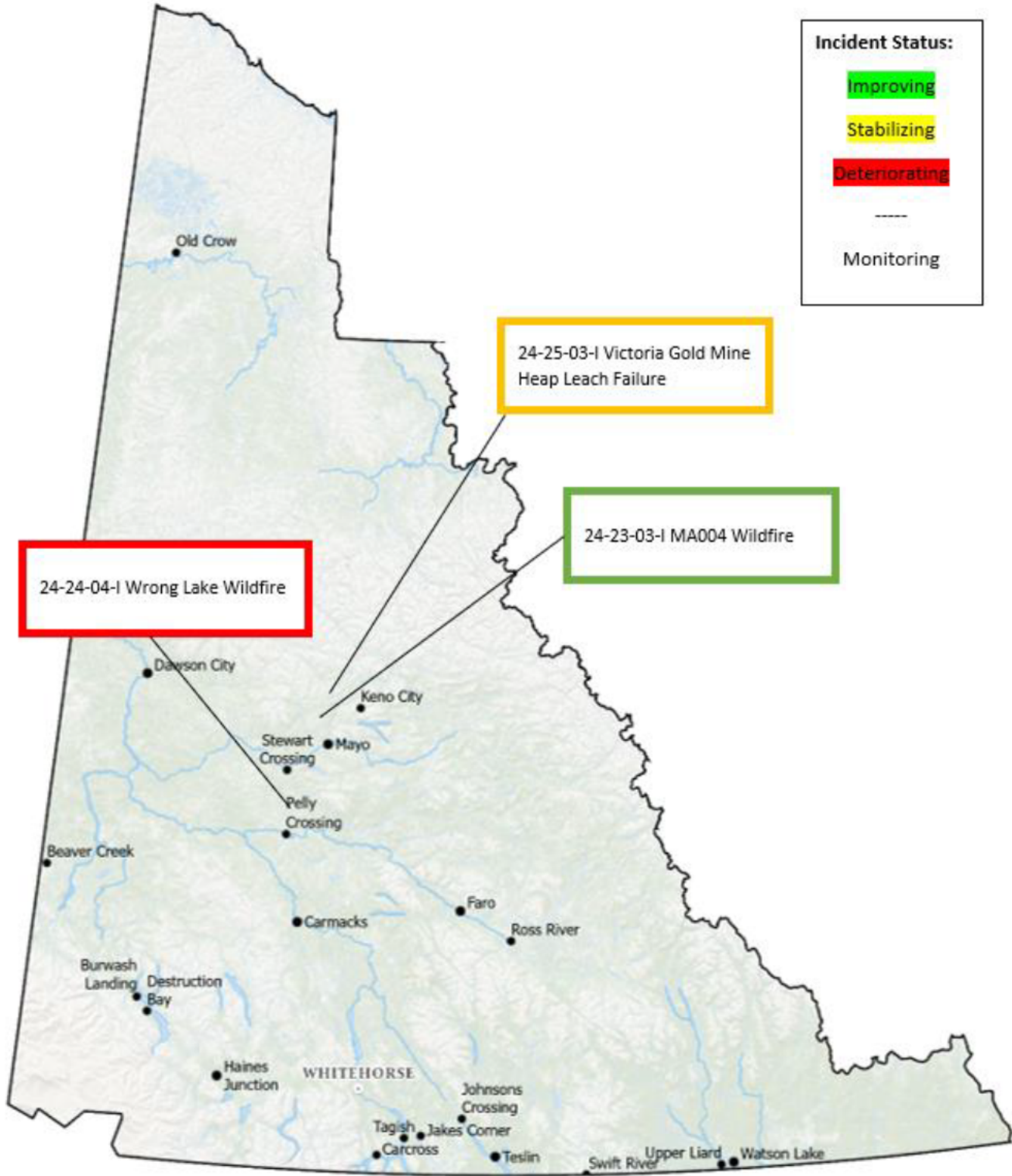
OTHER MONITORED EVENTS:**Yukon River Quest (24-17-00-S)**

- YSAR and CASARA will be supporting the Yukon River Quest race that started today (June 26). The race organizers have been in communications with EMO about reassessing the situation at Carmacks due to the road closures of the North Klondike and fire at the Stewart River/Yukon River confluence.

OTHER AGENCIES:

Yukon Wildland Fire Management – Prep Level 4/5 -Detailed wildfire facts are on the Wildfire Hub:

<https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca/>



NEXT UPDATE TO BE PROVIDED AT: 18:00 hrs YST **2024-06-26** or an interim report will be filled if there is a significant change in the situation or threat level. Please direct any questions to ECC Planning Section at ecc.planningsection@yukon.ca or EMO at 867-667-5220. ****END UPDATE****

Activation Level Information:

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| 1 ROUTINE MONITORING | 2 ENHANCED MONITORING | 3 MODERATE | 4 SEVERE | 5 CRITICAL | 6 CATASTROPHIC |
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Approved by ECC Director, *Shane Skarnulis*

From: Mark.Roberts
Sent: June 26, 2024 6:43 PM
To: cab-sr
CC: Matt.King; Justin.Ferbey
Subject: FW: Yukon ECC Sitrep - 2026-06-26
Attachments: 2024-06-26_SitRep-33.pdf

FYI – Attached is the today's EMO sit rep. (Sending here because EMO had some IT issues with the cab-sr list during the last activation)

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Fire Information Officers (FIOs) are active on social media and responding to any public inquiries as the fire is quite visible. Please free to direct any public inquiries to the FIOs at 393-7415.

Mark



Mark Roberts
Assistant Deputy Minister, Protective Services
Government of Yukon | Community Services
Phone: 867-335-2387

From: ecc.planningsection <ecc.planningsection@yukon.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 6:30 PM
Subject: Yukon ECC Sitrep - 2026-06-26

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From: Starlene.Elias

Sent: June 27, 2024 8:38 AM

To: Sylvia.Anderson

CC: Aurora.Bicudo; Jason.Cunning; Justin.Ferbey; Aurora.Tarakaj; Deborah.Lemaire

Subject: Victoria Gold Initial Economic Analysis

Attachments: Victoria Gold Initial Economic Analysis Information Note 2024 06 26.pdf; Memo Economic Development Initial Economic Analysis Victoria Gold.pdf

Good morning,

Please see the attached Info Note in regard to the Victoria Gold Initial Economic Analysis.

Thank you,



Starlene Elias

Executive Assistant

Economic Development | Government of Yukon

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Victoria Gold Initial Economic Analysis
Prepared for Deputy Minister Deborah Lemaire

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From: Kelly.Johnston
Sent: June 27, 2024 10:30 AM
To: EMO.Yukon
Subject: ECC Org Chart 2024-06-27
Attachments: 2024-06-27_orgpdf.pdf

Good morning,

The Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) is activated to Level 2 this morning to coordinate Yukon Government's response to several fires in the Yukon.

Hours of operation are 10:00 -1800 hours or until required.

Operational Period: 2

Please see attached org chart.

Any operational questions or needs should be communicated to the Operations Section at;
ecc.operationssection@yukon.ca.

Non-operational questions can be directed to the Liaison Officer at ecc.liaison@yukon.ca or call 867-667-5220.

Regards,



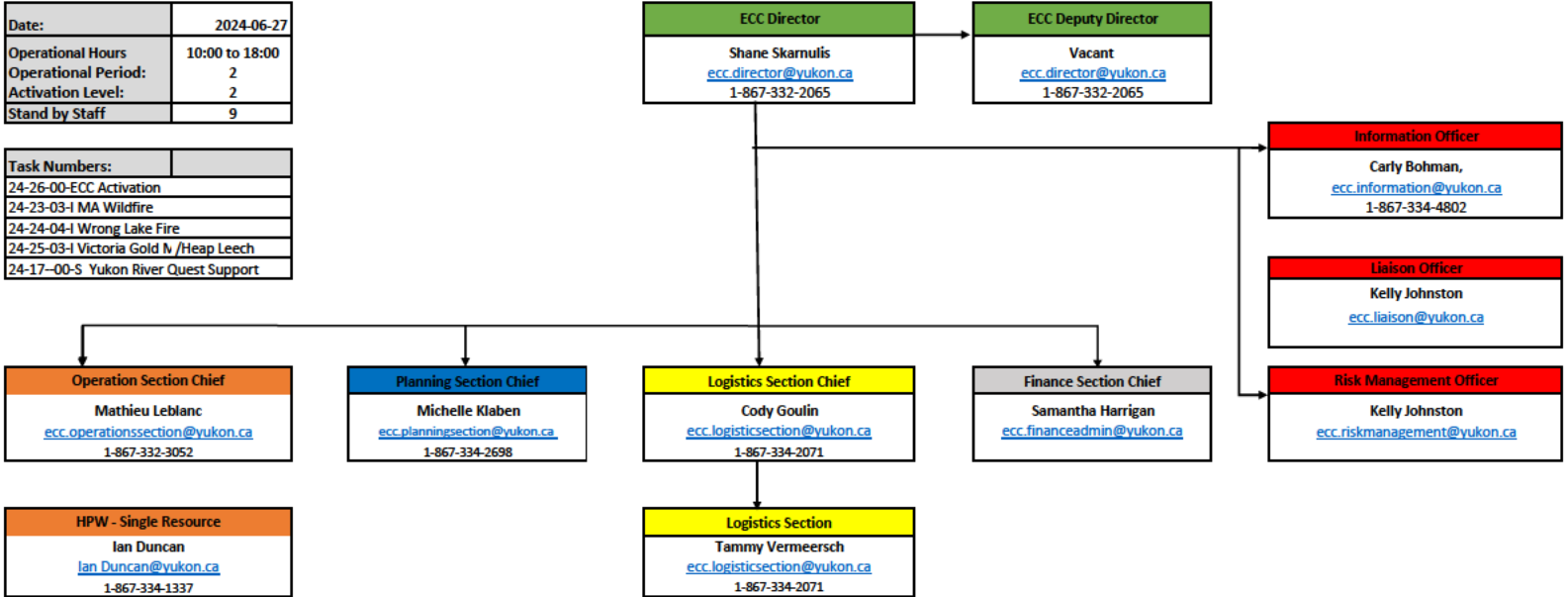
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ECC Liaison Officer
Emergency Measures Organization
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Emergency Coordination Centre Organizational Chart

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Date: | 2024-06-27 |
| Operational Hours | 10:00 to 18:00 |
| Operational Period: | 2 |
| Activation Level: | 2 |
| Stand by Staff | 9 |

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| Task Numbers: | |
| 24-26-00-ECC Activation | |
| 24-23-03-I MA Wildfire | |
| 24-24-04-I Wrong Lake Fire | |
| 24-25-03-I Victoria Gold N /Heap Leech | |
| 24-17-00-S Yukon River Quest Support | |



From: ecoinfo

Sent: June 27, 2024 4:12 PM

Subject: Government of Yukon to provide update on the Victoria Gold heap leach failure - Government of Yukon media advisory

Attention newsrooms

June 27, 2024

Government of Yukon to provide update on the Victoria Gold heap leach failure

Media are invited to attend a technical briefing on the June 24 heap-leach facility failure at Victoria Gold's Eagle Gold mine and the Government of Yukon's role and response.

The following Government of Yukon officials with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources will be available to provide comments and answer questions:

- Director of Mineral Resources Kelly Constable
- Director of Compliance Monitoring and Inspections Will Tewnion
- Manager of Major Mine Licensing Erin Dowd
- Head of Major Mines Russell McDiarmid

The Yukon's Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health and representatives from the Departments of Environment, Health and Social Services and the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board (Yukon) will also be available to answer questions. Confirmed representatives include:

- Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Shobit Maruti
- Acting Director Water Resources Branch for the Department of Environment Nicole Novodvorsky
- Manager of Mine Safety for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board Meredith Young
- Manager of Communications and Social Marketing for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board Heather Avery
- Director of Community Health Programs for the Department of Health and Social Services Benton Foster

When: Friday, June 28, 2024

10:30 am (Yukon Time)

Where: Energy, Mines and Resources Corporate Boardroom
3rd Floor, Elijah Smith Building, 300 Main Street, Whitehorse

To attend via Zoom, please contact Devon Seaman at devon.seaman@yukon.ca.

The Government of Yukon will provide weekly briefings to update the media on this situation. These are scheduled for Thursdays July 4, July 11, July 18 and July 25 at 10:30 am in the Energy, Mines and Resources Corporate Boardroom.

Contact

Laura Seeley
Cabinet Communications
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laura.seeley@yukon.ca

John Thompson
Communications, Energy, Mines and Resources
867-332-6042
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From: ecc.planningsection
Sent: June 27, 2024 5:42 PM
Subject: 2024-06-27 - Yukon ECC Sitrep
Attachments: 2024-06-27_SitRep-34.pdf

Hello,

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| SITUATIONAL REPORT #: | | 34 | | INCIDENT NUMBER(S): | | 24-26-00-ECC Activation | |
| DATE: | | 2024-06-27 | | | | 24-23-03-I MA004 Wildfire (CLOSED) | |
| RESPONSE LEVEL: | | Level 2 | | | | 24-24-04-I Wrong Lake Fire | |
| ECC OPS PERIOD: | | 2 | | | | 24-25-03-I Victoria Gold Mine Heap Leech Failure | |
| DIRECTOR: | | Shane Skarnulis | | PLANNING: | | Michelle Klaben | |
| ACTIVATION LEVELS: | 1 ROUTINE MONITORING | 2 ENHANCED MONITORING | 3 MODERATE | 4 SEVERE | 5 CRITICAL | 6 CATASTROPHIC | |
| DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT THREAT / EVENT: | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The North Klondike Highway is being impacted by the Wrong Lake Fire and is being closed and reopened in response to fire activity. An evacuation alert has been issued for Stewart Crossing and the North Klondike highway from Km 522 to 538. The Haldane Lakes fire (MA012) is burning aggressively on both sides of the Victoria Gold Mine road, restricting passage to and from the mine. | | | | | | | |
| ACTIVE ALERTS (AND ROAD CLOSURES OF NOTE): | | | | | | | |
| Evacuation Alert | | 2024-06-26 | | Stewart Crossing including Km 522 to km 538 on the North Klondike Highway | | | |
| For further information: | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yukon Emergencies - https://yukon.ca/emergencies Yukon Wildfire Hub - https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca/ BC Wildfire hub - https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yukon Highway information – https://511yukon.ca Flood Atlas - https://flood-atlas.service.yukon.ca/ Drive BC – https://www.drivebc.ca Current Air Quality https://cyclone.unbc.ca/aqmap/ Weather Alerts https://weather.gc.ca/mainmenu/alert_menu_e.html | | | |
| INCIDENT UPDATES: | | | | | | | |
| 24-24-04-I Wrong Lake Wildfire (Deteriorating) | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wrong Lake Fire is burning along the North Klondike Highway between Pelly and Stewart Crossing. The North Klondike Highway has been closing and reopening in response to the fire activity with 24hr pilot cars going through when safe to do so to maximize passage when conditions allow. An evacuation alert was issued for Stewart Crossing and the North Klondike Highway from Km 522 to 538 Wednesday, June 26. The evacuation alert area can be viewed at https://yukon.ca/emergencies The Ethel Lake road access on the North Klondike is being impacted by the road closures and fire activity and is within the evacuation alert issued. The Ethel Lake campground was emptied of campers and closed today (June 27th). NorthwestTel has covered their infrastructure splice points with sand up to Km 516, and had intentions to complete covering the remaining splice points to the north today. Wildland fire has put protections in place for 2 critical Yukon Energy sub-stations near Stewart Crossing at this time. Yukon Energy has also completed a damage assessment for transmission structures in the fire impact area and found some damaged structures which plans are currently being made to potentially fix early next week depending on fire behavior. ATCO is still providing uninhibited power supply to Pelly Crossing through backup generators which are receiving fuel deliveries as needed. Air purification units, AC units and DIY air filters were delivered in Pelly Crossing Wednesday (June 26th). The Link building has been opened by Selkirk First Nation for community members to seek reprieve from smoke (June 27th). Selkirk First Nation distributed personal DIY Filters June 27th to community members who are more likely to be experience negative health impacts from smoke. | | | | | | | |

24-23-03-I MA004 Wildfire (CLOSED)

- The evacuation alert issued June 19th for the area northwest of Minto Bridge to the South McQuesten Road, west of the Silver Trail has been rescinded as of today.
- The MA004 Rudolph Gulch fire is now classified as 'under control' by WFM, so this EMO task number will be closed at this time.

24-25-03-I Victoria Gold Mine Heap Leach Failure and Fire (Deteriorating)

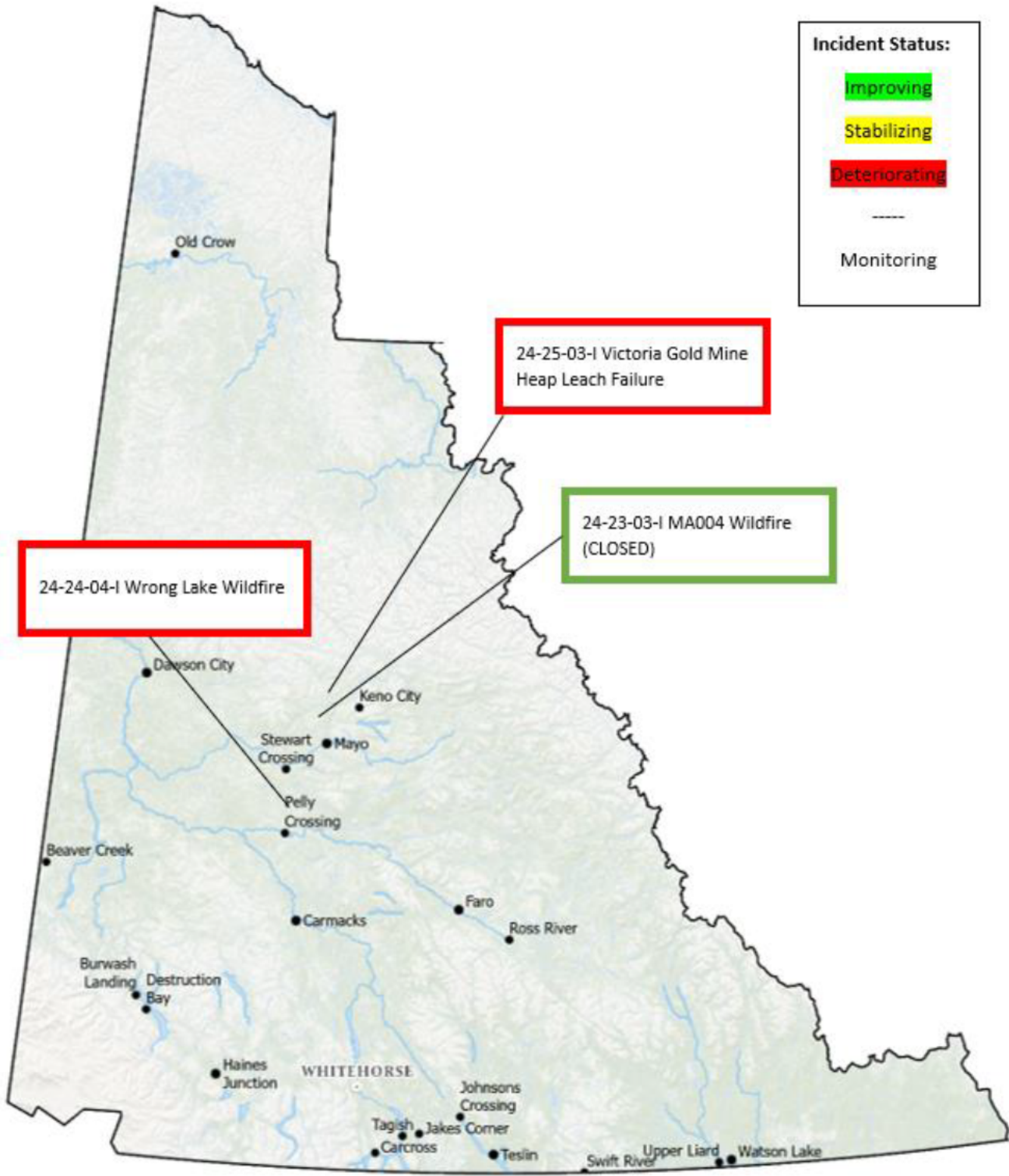
- There will be a public media briefing held at 10:30 on Friday June 28th
- On Monday June 24th there was a bench failure at the Heap Leach Facility at the Victoria Gold Mine site. Fire MA012 (Haldane Lakes Fire) is burning aggressively on both sides of the Eagle Goldmine across the road access to the Victoria Gold Mine.
- Demobilizing camp staff and supply runs to the mine are currently being piloted through MA012 when safe to do so.
- The Department of Health and Social Services is engaged and has connected with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada to assess the potential health risks of this incident.
- The Department of Energy Mines and Resources did sampling on Monday and expect results to be back early next week.

OTHER MONITORED EVENTS:**Yukon River Quest (24-17-00-S)**

- YSAR and CASARA will be supporting the Yukon River Quest race that started June 26.
- The race organizers will be finishing the race in Carmacks instead of Dawson as of today (June 27). This is out of consideration for the safety of racers, their supports, and race volunteers, and not putting undue stress on the North Klondike north of Pelly Crossing.

OTHER AGENCIES:**Yukon Wildland Fire Management**

- Prep Level 3/5 -Detailed wildfire facts are on the Wildfire Hub: <https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca/>
- A Level 2 fire restriction is in place for Beaver Creek, Haines Junction, Carmacks, Ross River, Dawson, Mayo, and Old Crow fire districts.



NEXT UPDATE TO BE PROVIDED AT: 18:00 hrs YST **2024-06-28** or an interim report will be filled if there is a significant change in the situation or threat level. Please direct any questions to ECC Planning Section at ecc.planningsection@yukon.ca or EMO at 867-667-5220. ****END UPDATE****

Activation Level Information:

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| 1 ROUTINE MONITORING | 2 ENHANCED MONITORING | 3 MODERATE | 4 SEVERE | 5 CRITICAL | 6 CATASTROPHIC |
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Approved by ECC Director, *Shane Skarnulis*

From: Matt.King
Sent: June 27, 2024 9:03 PM
To: Mark.Roberts; cab-sr
CC: Justin.Ferbey
Subject: Re: FYI - ECC Sit rep, and Wildfire update

Thank you, Mark.

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From: Mark.Roberts <Mark.Roberts@yukon.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 11:00:52 PM
To: cab-sr <cab-sr@yukon.ca>
Cc: Matt.King <Matt.King@yukon.ca>; Justin.Ferbey <Justin.Ferbey@yukon.ca>
Subject: FYI - ECC Sit rep, and Wildfire update

FYI – Attached is today’s EMO sit rep providing details on YG coordination efforts on a few issues across the territory

A few things to note:

- The evacuation alert for the area north of Mayo (put in place June 19) was rescinded as that fire is under control.
- Pilot car service through the fire impacted areas between Stewart and Pelly Crossing will continue 24/7 – with travel when safe. Traffic did flow today but with some waiting for travelers.
- There has been some fire damage to power infrastructure but power supply to all communities is being maintained.

A few quick wildfire updates:

- **Fire ban** is now in place for Central and Northern Yukon – limiting fires to campsites only.
- **Victoria Gold** – pilot car access to the mine site is being maintained, and crews continuing to action two fires that are in the area. Power was turned off last night – lines will be inspected before reenergizing. In the meantime – the site is running on its generators.
- **Moosehide Creek Fire** (8km NE of Dawson) – full response with tankers and helicopters today is helping limit the fire growth. Crews are planning and mobilizing for further work on this fire. It remains visible from town.
- **Mayo 6** – Fire remains 10 km south of Stewart Crossing. Crews went door-to-door today to tell residents about the evacuation alert. Crews installing structural protection in the community and putting plans in place for operations if the fire moves north of Crooked Creek

Currently there are 52 active wildfires across the territory. Additional statistics on YT wildfire can be found [here](#).

As always, please let me know if you have any questions,

Thanks,
 mark



Mark Roberts
 Assistant Deputy Minister, Protective Services
 Government of Yukon | Community Services
 Phone: 867-335-2387

From: ecc.planningsection <ecc.planningsection@yukon.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 5:42 PM
Subject: 2024-06-27 - Yukon ECC Sitrep

Hello,

The Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is currently activated to a **Response Level 2** at this time. The Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) is activated at this time at **Ops Period 2 (10:00-18:00)** for **Sitrep 34** of this calendar year.

If you require assistance after hours, please contact the EMO Duty Officer at 867-667-5220.

Please find this operational periods SitRep attached. This SitRep is strictly for operational purposes in regards to the emergency management efforts in the Yukon. Be aware that due to the sensitive nature of these documents, they are confidential and not for further public distribution. If you are found to be distributing these sitreps outside of an operational manner and/or mistreating the sensitive information you will immediately be removed from this distribution list. Along similar lines, if you would like to be discontinued from this mailing list or add another person from your organization, please respond to this email address with your request.

Regards,



Michelle Klaben (she/her)

Planning Section Chief, Emergency Coordination Centre

Protective Services | Community Services | Government of Yukon

C: 867-332-7807 | Yukon.ca

I respectfully acknowledge that I work within the Traditional Territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

From: Jaime.Mellott
Sent: June 25, 2024 9:36 AM
To: Joanna.Lilley; Keith.Maguire; Carleen.Kerr
Subject: Re: Victoria Gold issue alert

Thank you!

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From: Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:23:12 AM
To: Jaime.Mellott <Jaime.Mellott@yukon.ca>; Keith.Maguire <Keith.Maguire@yukon.ca>; Carleen.Kerr <Carleen.Kerr@yukon.ca>
Subject: FW: Victoria Gold issue alert

FYI. Just a date correction but so you have the latest version.

Jo

From: John.Thompson <John.Thompson@yukon.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:19 AM
To: Brittane.Stewart <Brittane.Stewart@yukon.ca>; Briar.Young <Briar.Young@yukon.ca>; Laura.Seeley <Laura.Seeley@yukon.ca>; cabinet-com <cabinet-com@yukon.ca>; Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>; Holly.Dalrymple <Holly.Dalrymple@yukon.ca>; Kelli.Taylor <Kelli.Taylor@yukon.ca>; Laura.Seeley <Laura.Seeley@yukon.ca>; cabinet-com <cabinet-com@yukon.ca>; Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>
Subject: Re: Victoria Gold issue alert

Morning - just wanted to flag a typo - the background section referred to the failure occurring on Tuesday, June 24, when of course that was Monday.

That will seem obvious right now, but I'd like to head off having us mangle the date at a later point - attached is a corrected version.

Best,

John

From: John.Thompson
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:52 AM
To: Brittane.Stewart <Brittane.Stewart@yukon.ca>; Briar.Young <Briar.Young@yukon.ca>; Laura.Seeley <Laura.Seeley@yukon.ca>; cabinet-com <cabinet-com@yukon.ca>; Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>; Holly.Dalrymple <Holly.Dalrymple@yukon.ca>; Kelli.Taylor <Kelli.Taylor@yukon.ca>
Subject: Victoria Gold issue alert

Hello - attached is our approved issue alert for the heap-leach failure at Victoria Gold's mine.

Best,

John



John Thompson

Pronouns: [he/him](#)

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Energy, Mines and Resources

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From: Jaime.Mellott
Sent: June 25, 2024 3:29 PM
To: Carleen.Kerr; Joanna.Lilley; Keith.Maguire
Subject: Re: Vic Gold media inquiries

Thanks Jo.

J

From: Carleen.Kerr <Carleen.Kerr@yukon.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 4:09 PM
To: Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>; Keith.Maguire <Keith.Maguire@yukon.ca>; Jaime.Mellott <Jaime.Mellott@yukon.ca>
Subject: RE: Vic Gold media inquiries

Thanks for the heads up.

From: Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 4:09 PM
To: Keith.Maguire <Keith.Maguire@yukon.ca>; Carleen.Kerr <Carleen.Kerr@yukon.ca>; Jaime.Mellott <Jaime.Mellott@yukon.ca>
Subject: FW: Vic Gold media inquiries

FYI.

From: John.Thompson <John.Thompson@yukon.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 2:13 PM
To: Laura.Seeley <Laura.Seeley@yukon.ca>; cabinet-com <cabinet-com@yukon.ca>; Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>; Holly.Dalrymple <Holly.Dalrymple@yukon.ca>
Subject: Re: Vic Gold media inquiries

Add Canadian Press to the list.

From: John.Thompson
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 1:42 PM
To: Laura.Seeley <Laura.Seeley@yukon.ca>; cabinet-com <cabinet-com@yukon.ca>; Joanna.Lilley <Joanna.Lilley@yukon.ca>; Holly.Dalrymple <Holly.Dalrymple@yukon.ca>
Subject: Vic Gold media inquiries

Hi - we've been getting a lot of media inquiries for the Victoria Gold heap leach failure. Here's the rundown so far:

Yukon News
CKRW
Yukon Star
Bloomberg
Globe and Mail

I've provided them all with the lines from our issue alert. I've also suggested they try reaching the company (which hasn't issued a statement yet).

From: Jaime.Mellott
Sent: June 28, 2024 12:25 PM
To: Karen.Clyde
Subject: Re: Briefing note

Yes. I think the urgency was re.

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note can wait.

J

From: Karen.Clyde <Karen.Clyde@yukonwaterboard.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Jaime.Mellott <Jaime.Mellott@yukon.ca>
Subject: FW: Briefing note

Hi Jaime,

Regarding the second briefing note below, I need to get details from a few staff to complete this, as well as have Piers review it. Unfortunately, a number of those people were not in the office this morning.

Can this wait until next week when Piers is also back?

Karen

From: Karen.Clyde
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 3:24 PM
To: Jaime.Mellott <Jaime.Mellott@yukon.ca>; Tess.Lawrence <Tess.Lawrence@yukon.ca>; Exilda.Driscoll <Exilda.Driscoll@yukon.ca>; Aurora.Tarakaj <Aurora.Tarakaj@yukon.ca>
Cc: Keith.Maguire <Keith.Maguire@yukon.ca>
Subject: Briefing note

Hi all,

Upon my return to my office this morning following our meeting, I spoke with Jean Beckerton about the need for a briefing note regarding the

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She informed me that it is usually Major Projects Yukon's role to prepare briefing notes of this nature. I followed up with Keith, and he agreed to develop a short note indicating that the

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and that the timing is independent of the events of this week. I noted the timeline to have a briefing note for Jaime's bilat with the DM on Tuesday.

Regarding the second briefing note, providing more info on the complete that for you by tomorrow morning.

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, I will

Hopefully this approach is satisfactory.

Karen



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