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Contract awarded for Old Crow environmental assessment work

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon awarded a publicly-tendered contract to CH2M HILL Canada Ltd., a global consulting firm, to complete environmental assessment work at six government-owned sites in Old Crow this fall.

"Remediating these sites in north Yukon is part of an overall effort to clean up a legacy of contaminated properties," Minister of Environment Currie Dixon said. "We look forward to working with CH2M's Whitehorse office to improve environmental health in Old Crow."

CH2M HILL Canada will assist the Department of Environment's Site Assessment and Remediation Unit to determine the best way to clean up contamination at the airport maintenance fuel facility, the aviation and marine branch fuel facility and the nursing station.

In addition to the contaminated site work, the contractor will complete routine soil and water sampling, assessment and maintenance work at the wastewater treatment facility, the former waste metal storage site and the solid waste facility.

The Department of Environment, in collaboration with Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, will host an open house at the Old Crow Community Hall on September 15 at 5 p.m. to address questions about contaminated sites and the remediation work that is to be undertaken in the area.

"We are very pleased to see that work on these contaminated sites in Old Crow is beginning," Vuntut Gwitchin MLA Darius Elias said. "The remediation of these sites is good news for the health of our community lands."

The field portion of the contract work will start September 15 and is expected to be completed by late September or early October.

Learn more: Environment Yukon: Contaminated Site Remediation

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