

NOAMI NEWS

NOAMI Chair Receives 2004 Environmental Award from the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)

Christine Kaszycki, Assistant Deputy Minister in Manitoba's Industry, Economic Development and Mines Ministry, received the PDAC Environmental Award in recognition of her work and achievements in NOAMI. As chair of NOAMI, Dr. Kaszycki has "tirelessly and wisely spearheaded, managed, and promoted this important environmental program".



Incoming PDAC President Peter Dimmel presents Environmental Award to Christine Kaszycki

New in NOAMI in 2004

The Task Group on Guidelines for Legislative Review was formed with the objective "to complete guidelines for jurisdictional legislative reviews with respect to collaboration, liability and funding for orphaned/abandoned mines (OAMs) in Canada". These guidelines will be used to assist in the development of a consistent, transparent, coordinated and efficient legislative framework for the management of OAMs.

What's on the Web Site

Potential Funding Approaches for Orphaned/Abandoned Mines in Canada (2003).

This report outlines a variety of funding approaches that could be considered for cleaning-up or managing liabilities related to OAMs in Canada. Advantages and disadvantages of each approach are evaluated and preferred options are identified.

Lessons Learned On Community Involvement in the Remediation of Orphaned/Abandoned Mines: Case Studies and Analysis (2003).

This report examined the community involvement processes at three Canadian OAMs; the Deloro Mine in Ontario, Giant Mine in the Northwest Territories and the Mount Washington Mine in British Columbia, along with contaminated sites in the U.S. The "lessons learned", distilled from the Canadian and U.S. examples, were further developed into a series of guidelines and published in the pamphlet **Best Practices in Community Involvement**



Barriers to Collaboration: Orphaned/Abandoned Mines In Canada (2002).

Existing legislative requirements were examined for Canada, selected U.S. jurisdictions, and other countries on: regulatory or institutional barriers; liability disincentives; and collaborative opportunities regarding voluntary abatement, remediation, and reclamation of OAM lands.

Workshop on Legal and Institutional Barriers to Collaboration Relating to OAMs – Ottawa, ON (February 24 – 25, 2003).

Presentations were made that detailed experiences (in Canada and the U.S.) on existing and alternative legal and administrative mechanisms that have been applied to third-party clean up. Priorities and principles were identified for addressing the barriers, and preferred options were discussed that would allow third parties to collaborate on clean up and to manage liabilities related to OAMs.

These reports and other publications can be downloaded from our web site at www.abandoned-mines.org

