

# Deloro Mine Site Clean-up Project

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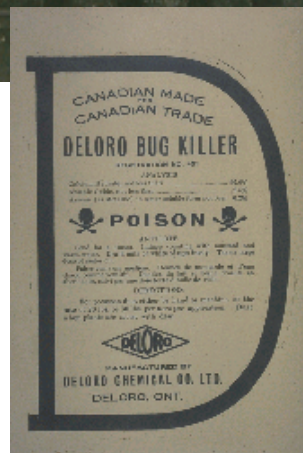
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# Deloro Industrial Highlights



- Part of the Madoc Gold Rush (first discovery of gold in Ontario)
- Major producer of arsenic-based pesticides on North American continent
- World's first commercial producer of cobalt metal
- Significant producer/ supplier of Stellite during WW I and II

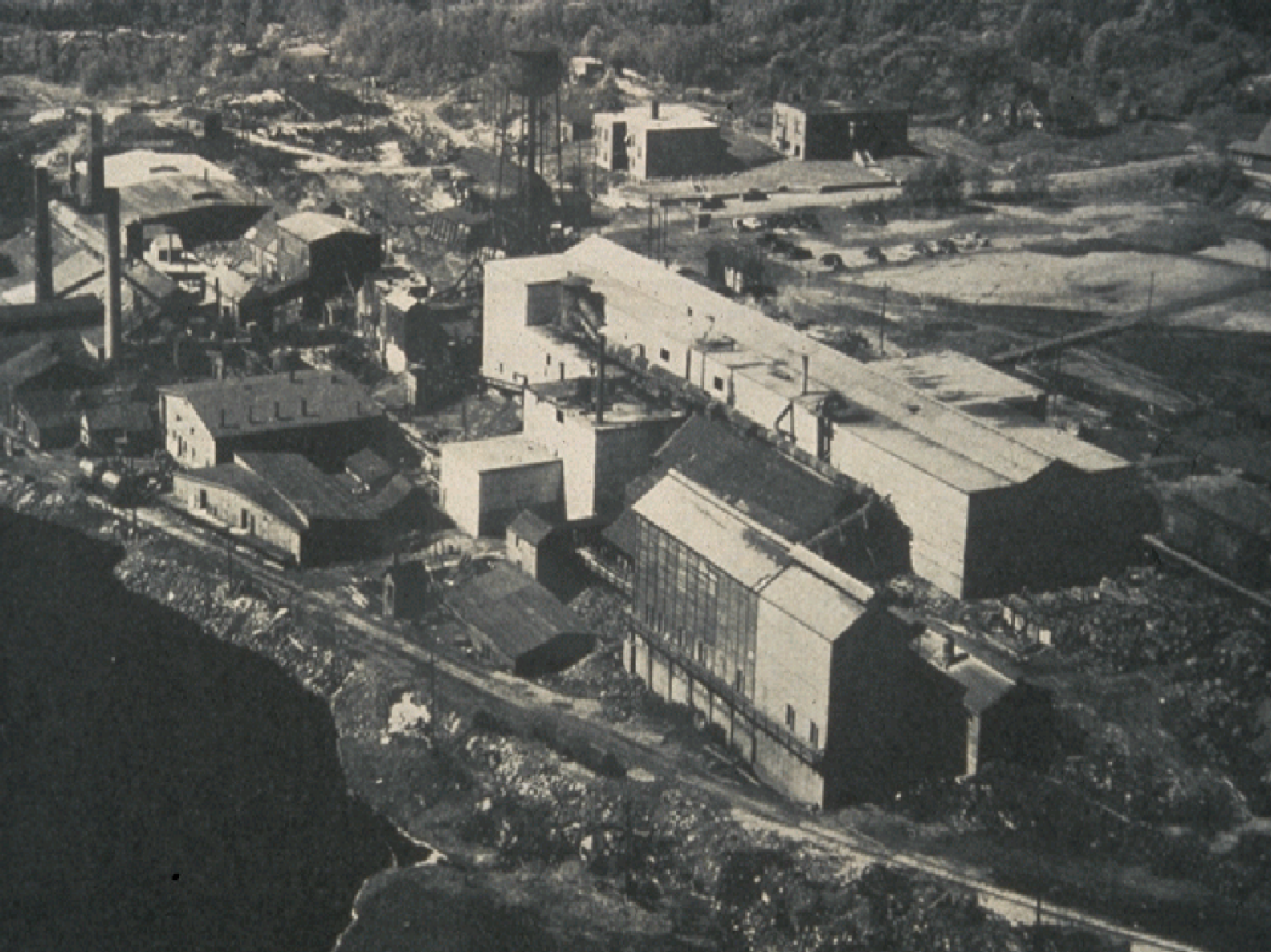














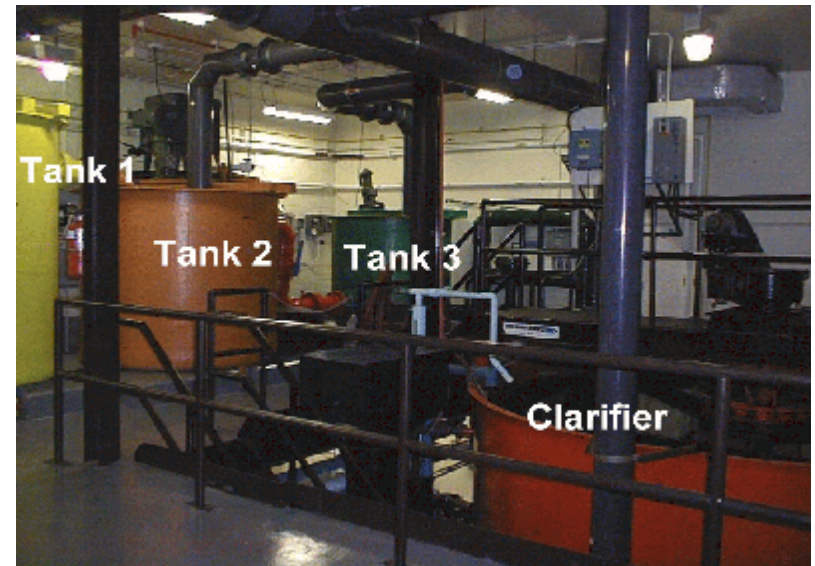
# MOE Accomplishments

\$32 million spent on the project so far

**= 80% reduction in amount of  
arsenic going into the Moira River**

# MOE Accomplishments

- Built Arsenic Treatment Plant to remove arsenic and other metals from groundwater



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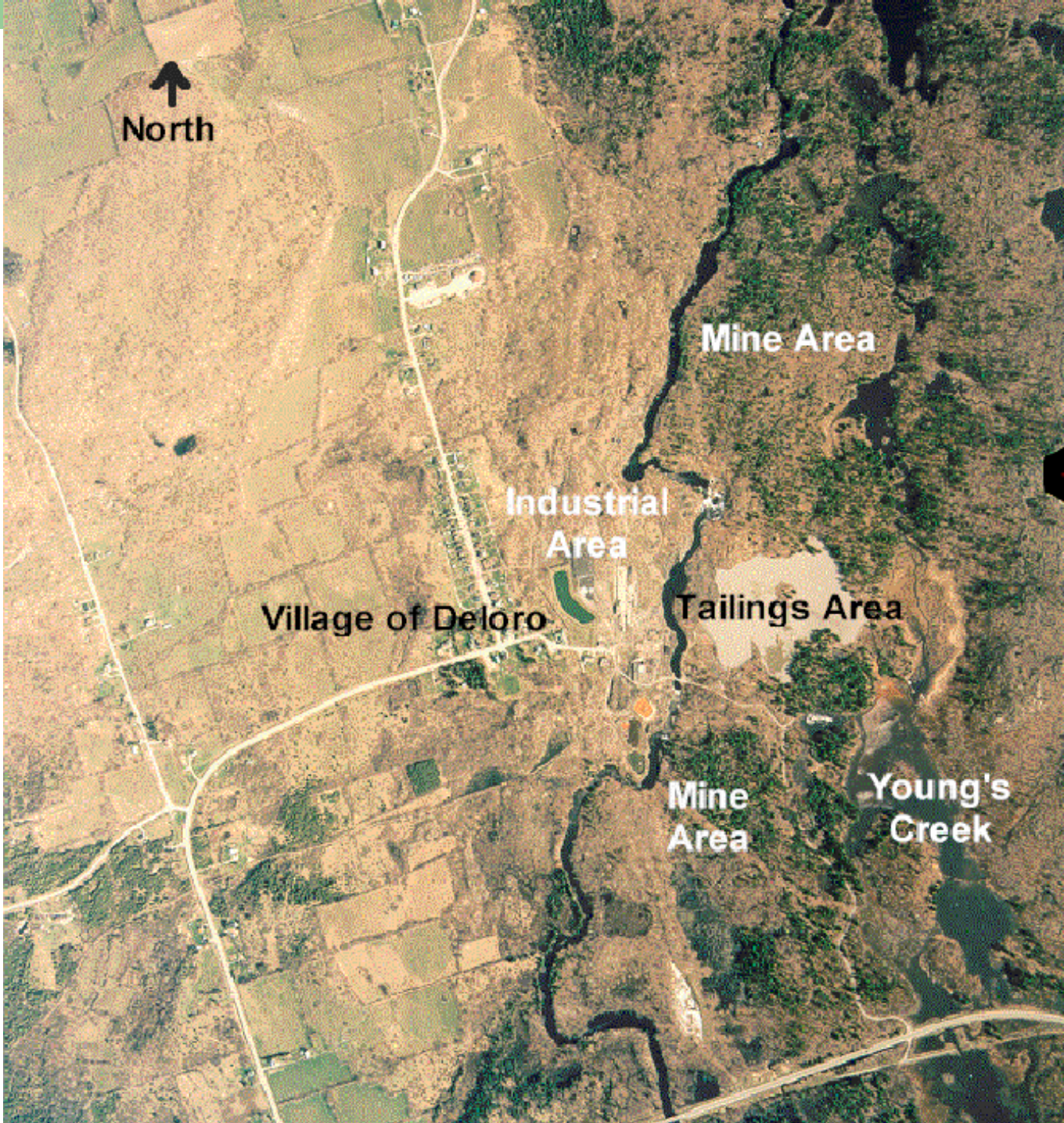
- Covered eight hectares of tailings with half a metre of crushed limestone



# MOE Accomplishments

- Located and sealed abandoned mine shafts
- Completed two off-site assessments





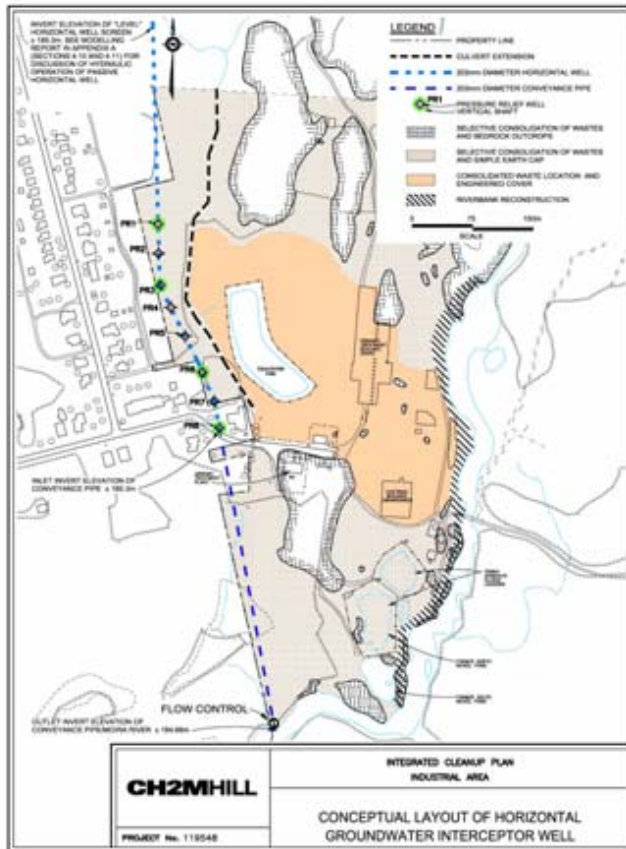
# Cleanup Plan Objective

- To finish the cleanup of this abandoned mining and industrial complex by:
  - isolating and containing wastes,
  - and engineering the site to be safe for people and the environment for hundreds of years.

Cleanup plan must:

- Manage waste over the smallest possible area
- Secure the site for the long-term
- Reduce loading of contaminants to the Moira River
- Minimize long-term operation and maintenance of site facilities
- Restore the site to reflect its natural surroundings

# Industrial Area

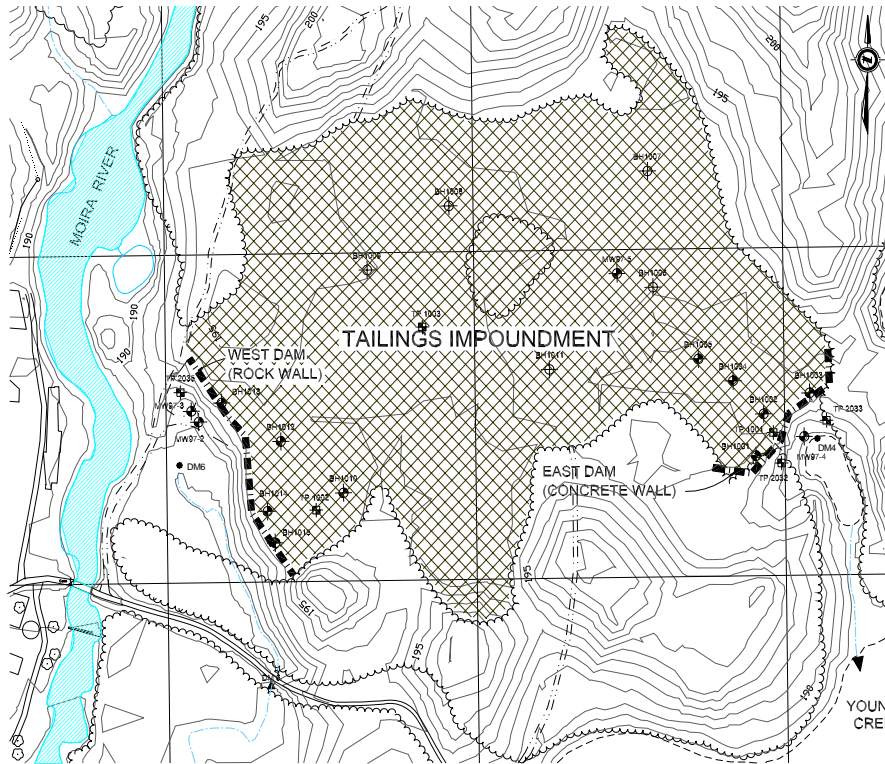


- **Area:** 25 hectares
- **Contaminants of Concern:** Calcium arsenate/arsenite, low-level radioactive material, slag and gold mine tailings contaminated with arsenic, cobalt, copper, lead, mercury, nickel
- **Volume of Waste:** Approximately 305,500 cubic metres

# Industrial Area Cleanup Strategy

- **Consolidation of waste and capping**
  - The most highly contaminated waste will be placed in a waste consolidation area and capped with an engineered cover 1.55 metres thick
- **Ground and surface water diversion**
  - Groundwater and surface water flow will be diverted away from contaminated materials

# Tailings Area



## LEGEND

	BOREHOLE		TEST PIT
	WELL (1997)		DM6
			SAMPLING STATION

0 50 100m  
SCALE

- **Area:**
  - 8.5 hectares
- **Contaminants of Concern:**
  - Arsenic, cobalt, copper, nickel, and low-level radioactive materials
- **Volume of Waste:**
  - Approximately 145,000 cubic metres

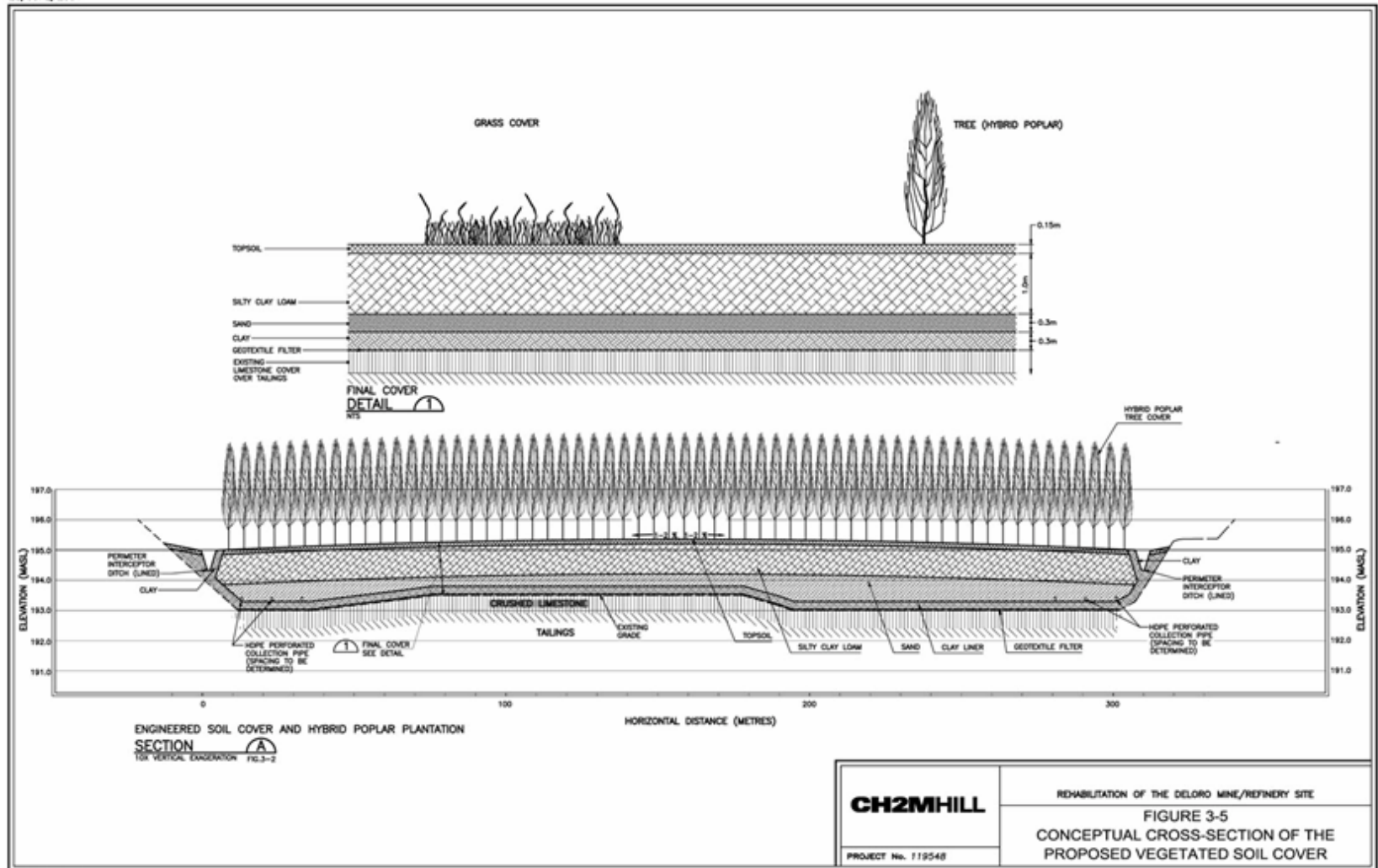
# Tailings Area Cleanup Strategy

- Cover tailings with an engineered soil cover
- Collection/treatment of groundwater and upstream surface water flow diversion



*Tailings Area surface looking East/Northwest*





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REHABILITATION OF THE DELORO MINE/REFINERY SITE  
 FIGURE 3-5  
 CONCEPTUAL CROSS-SECTION OF THE  
 PROPOSED VEGETATED SOIL COVER

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# Young's Creek Area

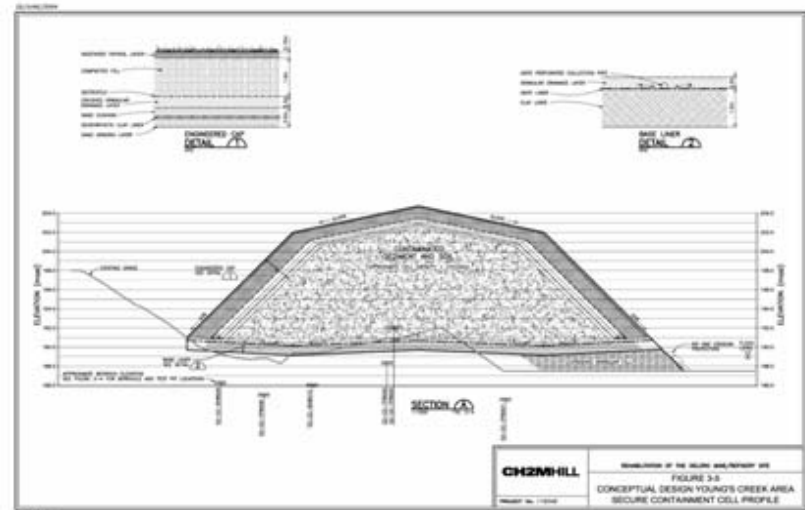
- **Area:**
  - Onsite – 47 hectares
  - Offsite (south of Highway #7) – 19 hectares
- **Contaminants of Concern:**
  - Onsite – Arsenic, cobalt, copper, nickel, and low-level radioactive material
  - Offsite – arsenic, cobalt, copper, nickel, no radioactivity
- **Volume of Waste:**
  - Onsite – 200,000 cubic metres contaminated sediment and soil
  - Offsite – about 68,000 cubic metres of contaminated sediments



*Young's Creek southeast  
of Tailings Area*

# Young's Creek Area Cleanup Strategy

- Full depth excavation of onsite sediment
- Shallow depth excavation of offsite sediment
- Disposal of contaminated sediment in a new onsite engineered containment facility
- Creek rehabilitation



# Young's Creek Area Cleanup Strategy



- **Wetland reconstruction**
  - Areas of wetland removed by excavation will be reconstructed
  - Area is part of a provincially significant wetland

# VE Study

## December, 2009

- *Objective*

*Improve value of project through efficiencies, cost reduction, etc...*

- *Constraints*

*Timing, regulatory, budget, material availability, etc...*

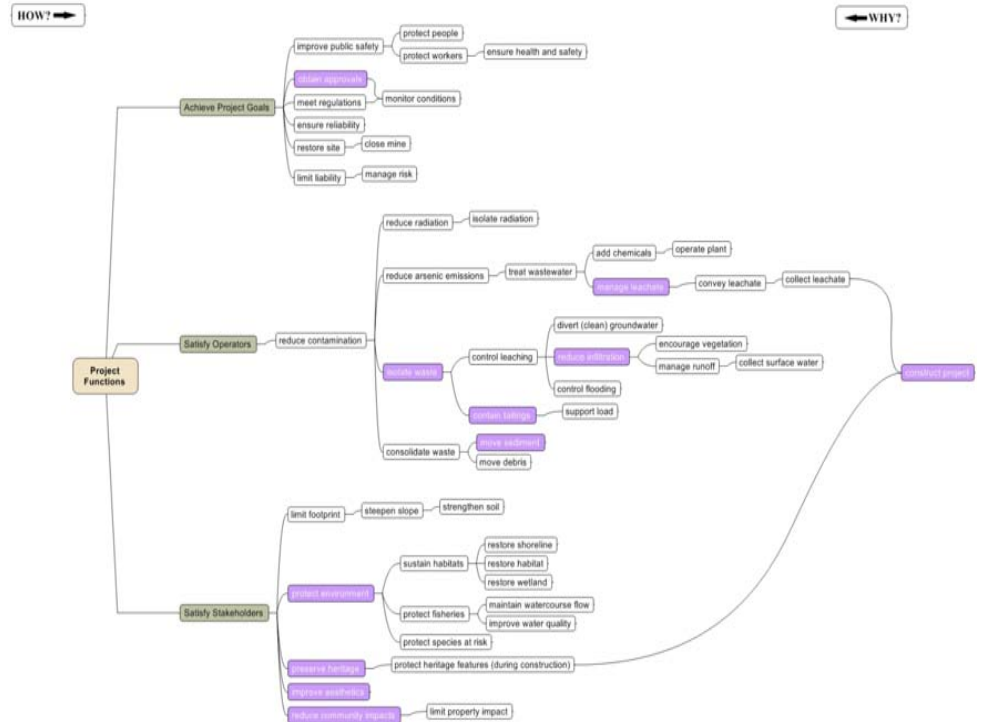
# VE Attendees

- *MOE Deloro Team*
- *Consultant Design Team*
- *12 Subject Matter Experts*

*Mining Geo-mechanics, Hydrogeology, Radiation Protection, Fisheries, Water Quality, Landfill Engineering, Construction, Surface Water, Remediation*

# VE Study Tasks

- *Quality Model*
- *Function Analysis*
- *Cost/Worth Analysis*
- *Creative*
- *Ideas Shortlist*
- *Development*



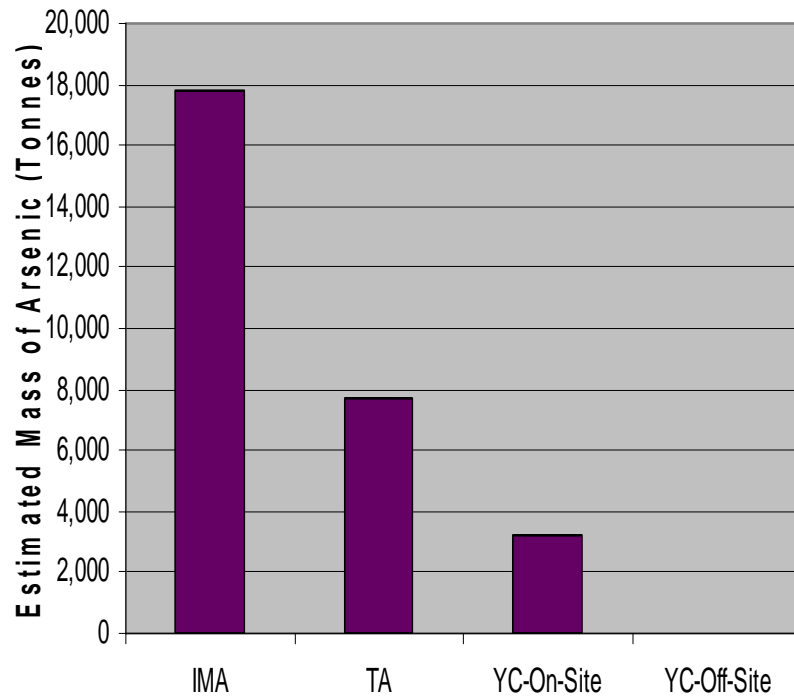
# Value Added

- *156 ideas to improve performance or reduce life cycle costs*
- *37 ideas carried forward for development, analysis and costing*

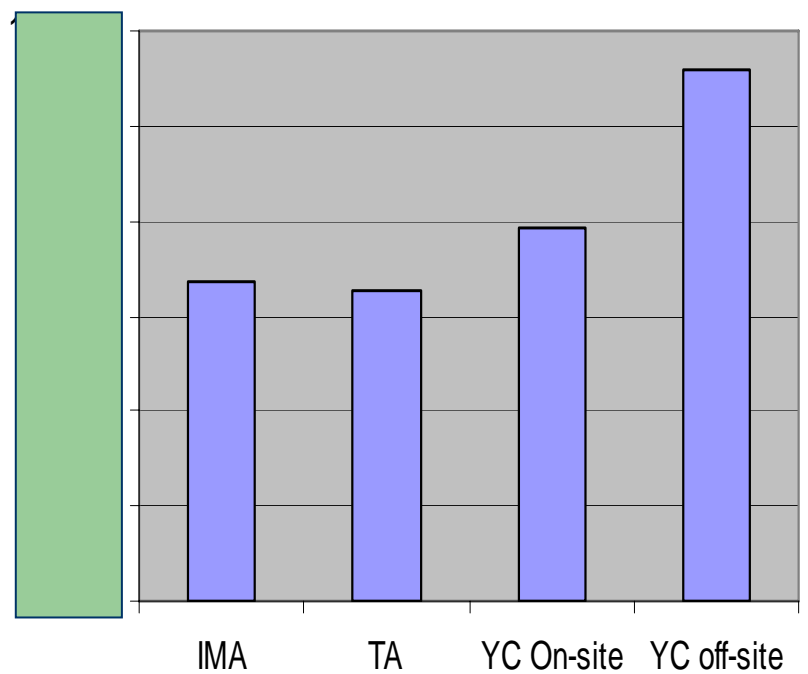
# Value Implementation

- *Efficiencies applied to design elements under development*
- *Conceptual design for YC revisited*
- *Potential savings > \$10 M*

### Estimated Mass of Arsenic By Area of Site



### Cost/Tonne Arsenic



# Deloro Project Website

[www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/deloro/](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/deloro/)

**DELORO MINE SITE CLEANUP PROJECT**

The Deloro Mine Site Cleanup Project is now in a licensing and approvals phase. The ministry finalized the cleanup plan for the site in 2005, after a period of public consultation. To make the cleanup plan a reality, the ministry must complete detailed engineering designs - the 'blueprints' for engineered covers, caps, wells and pumping stations.

Before cleanup can begin, the ministry must meet the regulatory requirements of a number of federal, provincial, and municipal agencies. One key approval is from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. Since two-six per cent of the waste at Deloro is low-level radioactive material, the ministry has to satisfy the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission licensing requirements to store that waste on-site. That licensing process triggers the need to conduct an environmental assessment of the project under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. The ministry completed the federal

**3D illustration: mine**

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