

Recommendations

Reclamation and Closure

1. BHPB should develop a workable closure plan, within one year, with closure objectives and preferred options for the mine components leading to specific closure criteria.
2. Decisions should be made about closure of mine components based on information from the corresponding studies in the forthcoming Abandonment and Reclamation research plan.
3. BHPB should use a collaborative consultation process to assist in developing its next closure plan, similar to the process used for improving the operation of the Long Lake Containment Facility.

Traditional Knowledge

4. BHPB should enable greater participation of Aboriginal Peoples in the design and delivery of monitoring programs at Ekati.

Communications and Consultation

5. BHPB should adopt a more collaborative approach to the review and design of reports, programs, projects and risk assessments.

Regional Monitoring and Cumulative Effects

6. DIAND, GNWT, GNU and BHPB should be involved in regional caribou monitoring of the Bathurst Caribou herd.

Assessment of Regulators

7. There is a need for greater clarity on the issue of water quality and the definition of receiving environment that could take the form of guidelines from the MVLWB. Building of internal technical capacity may assist with this initiative.

