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Re: Nopiming Provincial Park and Bissett Region - Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Remediation Program Update

The Orphaned and Abandoned Mine (OAM) program is continuing its work to remediate the sites of Central and Kitchener Mines. In addition to this work, we have launched a separate contract for several other smaller sites in proximity. This letter is an update to the information that has been previously provided to your community in April and August 2023. Included with this letter is a map of the site locations. The remediation work will address hazards posed to the environment and public safety.

The earthworks at the former Central Mine has been shut down for the winter, except for the stockpiling of rocks and material at the site for placement next year. The contractors are using the opportunity to haul now due to the road/highway conditions and reduced traffic volumes in fall. This will reduce some of the hauling needed next summer.

Concrete work continues near Central and will proceed, as weather allows at some of the other smaller sites following the access and shaft clearing activities.

Temporary access is being developed to several other sites over the winter when the ground is frozen, to allow for easier access in the spring and to avoid nesting birds and other access concerns.

The OAM program aims to address the environmental and public safety concerns associated with OAM sites. More information about the program can be found at: <a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment">https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment</a> and biodiversity/mines/index.html. Many of these OAM sites were developed decades ago, before environmental impacts were fully understood, and modern operating standards were developed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming project or during the project, we welcome you to contact the Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Program at EPRBranch@gov.mb.ca. .

Regards,

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