

### Closure Activity Update: March 2021

Work priorities continued to focus on demolition of the service and support facilities as RGR awaits approval of the mine permit modification request and disposal cell expansion. Focus was on demolishing several buildings and continued cleanup and sorting of scrap. Placement of erosion blankets on the disposal cell and waste rock pile continued.

The COVID virus continued to impact work. Contractor availability and access and supply chains are still being impacted. Members of the work crew were absent from work on multiple occasions due to potential exposures to the virus.

Winter weather conditions affected work efficiency and progress. The site received 11 inches of snow on one day. This impeded work 2 days following. Site safety was impacted due to slippery conditions.

### Activities

#### 1) Ore Pile Removal

- Removal and transportation of the ore pile material continued.
- Approximately 2,079 tons of low-grade ore were hauled off site during the month.
  - To-date hauled: 40,692 tons.
  - Productivity was a little lower than expected because several drivers had mechanical issues.
- Three days lost production due to 11 inches of snow (one day of snow, 2 days restricted travel to the mill).

#### 2) Disposal Cell and Waste Rock Pile (WRP)

- Completed placement of erosion blankets on the existing WRP upper slopes
- 75% completed on the lower west slope.
  - Used all available erosion blankets, ordered more (on back-order).

#### 3) WP5 Well, MW6 Well and North Force Main

- The WP5 and MW6 wells continued to pump on fully automatic cycles.
- The North Force Main (NFM) is ready for commissioning,
  - Well water is currently being trucked to Pond 3.
- Consultant retested the WP5 water delivery line for integrity
  - Failed test due to freezing weather conditions.

#### 4) Closeout/Closure Activities

- RGR's electrical contractor continued to de-energize facility components in advance of demolition tasks:
  - Completed disconnecting out-of-service transformers,
  - Disconnected power to the Compressor building,
- Continued removing and sorting debris and scrap from around the site:
  - Removed scrap from around the Chiller building, Flocculant building and Car Shop,
  - Removed scrap culvert pieces from around the old sewer plant.
  - Moved unused storage trailers from around the site to the south laydown yard (for future burial).

- Sent out bid requests for removing out-of-service transformers.
- Dismantled the Fire Equipment building.
- Dismantled the Barium Chloride Building.
- Dismantled the Flocculant building.
- Started dismantling the Chiller building.

5) Other

- Sent out bids for archeological studies.

Forecasted Activities

1) Ore Pile Removal

- Estimating around 5 to 6 months to complete.
  - Work was slowed due to winter weather.

2) Closure Activities

- Upcoming demolition work:
  - Emergency Hoist/Quonset Hut Building,
  - Shaft Heat Building,
  - Chiller Pump Building,
  - Compressor Building,
  - Fuel Pump Building,
  - Discharge pipeline,
  - Cooling Towers,
  - Fan Shop,
  - Core Storage Building,
  - Mine Car Rails,
  - Chlorine Building,
  - Sewage Treatment Plant,
  - Transformer removal (out-of-service),
  - MWTU Pond Hydraulic structures and related support buildings.

Critical Path Items

1) Approval of eastward expansion of the disposal cell.

- Anticipating late-2021.

Delays

- Earth moving projects are delayed until the disposal cell expansion is approved.
- Demolition projects are delayed as RGR awaits approval of the MOD 20-1 and radiological survey work plan.
- Demolition of the IX plant is on hold pending approval of the decommissioning plan.
- Deep Aquifer well plugging and abandonment is delayed pending approval of the monitoring plan.