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## Closure Activity Update: April 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 preparing and demolishing several structures. Cleanup and sorting of scrap continued. The COVID virus continued to impact work by interrupting contractor availability and supply chains.

#### Activities

- 1) Ore Pile Removal
  - Removal and transportation of the ore pile material continued.
  - Approximately 2,550 tons of low-grade ore were hauled off site during the month.
    - To-date hauled: 43,230 tons.
- 2) Disposal Cell and Waste Rock Pile (WRP)
  - Received delivery of additional erosion blankets after a 3-week delay (COVID related delivery problems).
  - Completed placement of erosion blankets on the lower west slope.
- 3) WP5 Well, MW6 Well and North Force Main
  - The WP5 and MW6 wells continued to pump on fully automatic cycles.
  - The WP5 water delivery line passed integrity testing.
- 4) Closeout/Closure Activities
  - RGR's electrical contractor continued to de-energize facility components in advance of demolition tasks:
    - Completed disconnecting all out-of-service transformers,
    - o Completed disconnecting all out-of-service deep well electrical apparatus,
  - Continued removing and sorting debris and scrap from around the site:
    - Continued removing scrap from around the Chiller Building, Electrical Building and Compressor Building,
    - o Completed cleanup around the outside areas of the Flocculant Building and IX Plant,
      - Moved 6 out-of-service tanks from the area,
  - Demolished the Chiller Building,
  - Demolished the Fuel Pump Building,
  - Completed demolition of the MWTU Pond pump MCC,
  - Removed fencing from around all transformers.
- 5) Other
  - Initiated work plans for the removal of all RML sources.
  - Rebid the archeological study work package,
    - Bid will be awarded in early May.

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# **Forecasted Activities**

- 1) Ore Pile Removal
  - Estimating around 4 to 5 months to complete.
- 2) Closure Activities
  - Upcoming demolition work:
    - o Emergency Hoist/Quonset Hut Building,
    - Shaft Heat Building,
    - o Chiller Pump Building,
    - o Compressor Building,
    - o Discharge pipeline,
    - Cooling Towers,
    - o Mine Car Rails,
    - o Chlorine Building,
    - o Transformer removal (out-of-service),
    - o MWTU Pond Hydraulic structures.

## Critical Path Items

- 1) Approval of eastward expansion of the disposal cell.
  - Anticipating late-2021.

## <u>Delays</u>

- 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.

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