



Overview of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office and Activities Across Canada

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THE LLRWMO

The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office (LLRWMO) is currently celebrating its **20th anniversary** as Canada's agent for the cleanup and long-term management of ***Historic LLR Waste.***

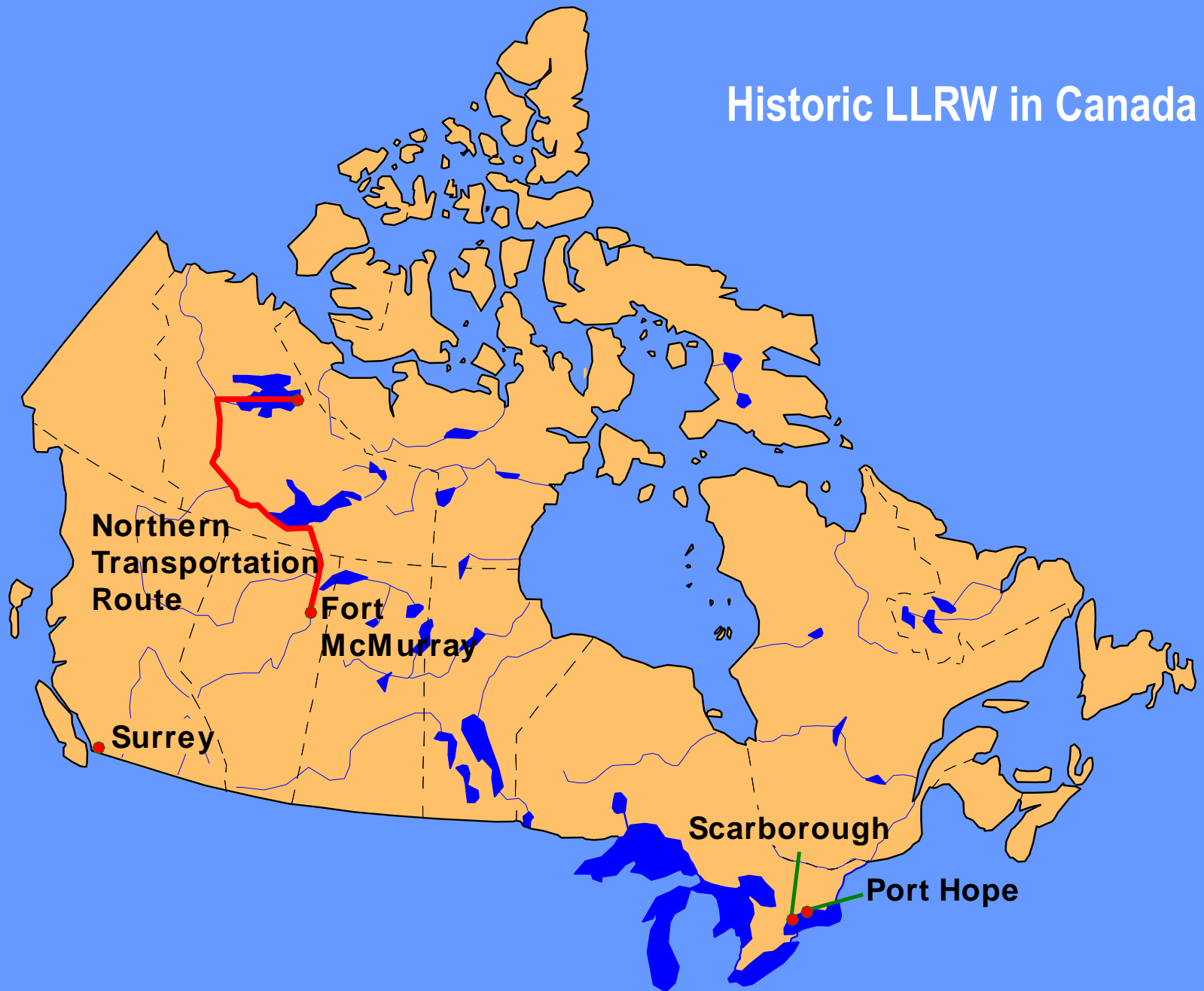


Historic LLR Waste is defined as:

- **Low-level radioactive waste for which the original producer cannot reasonably be held responsible.**
- **The federal government of Canada has accepted responsibility for Historic LLR Waste.**

These wastes are found at locations across Canada.

Historic LLRW in Canada

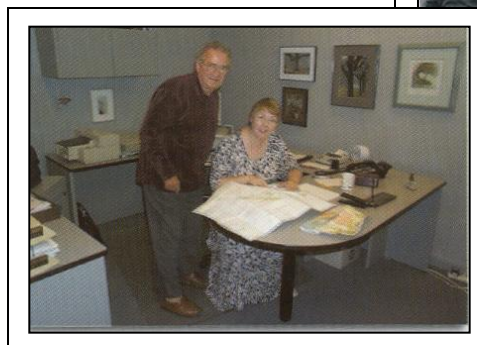




Surrey

(1984 – 2000):

- Surrey Siting Task Force
- Thornton Yard
- Anvil Way 1, 2, 3
- to CRL
- to Riley, Alberta
- to Arlington, Oregon



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Serving Canadians since 1982 / Au service des Canadiens depuis 1982

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Surrey

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Surrey, British Columbia







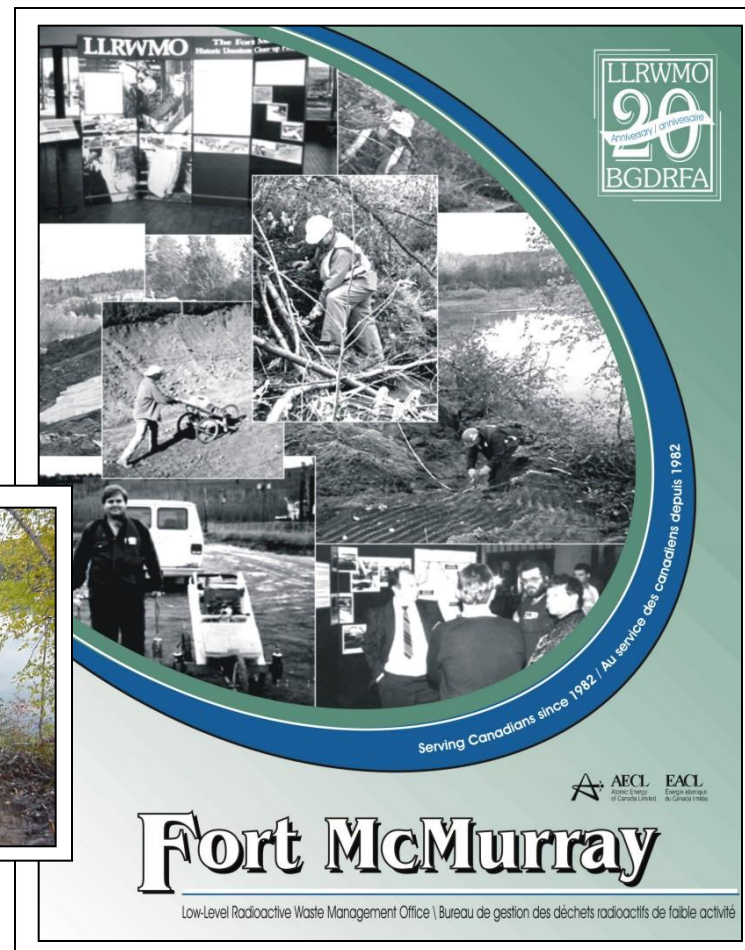
Chalk River, Ontario



Fort McMurray & NTR

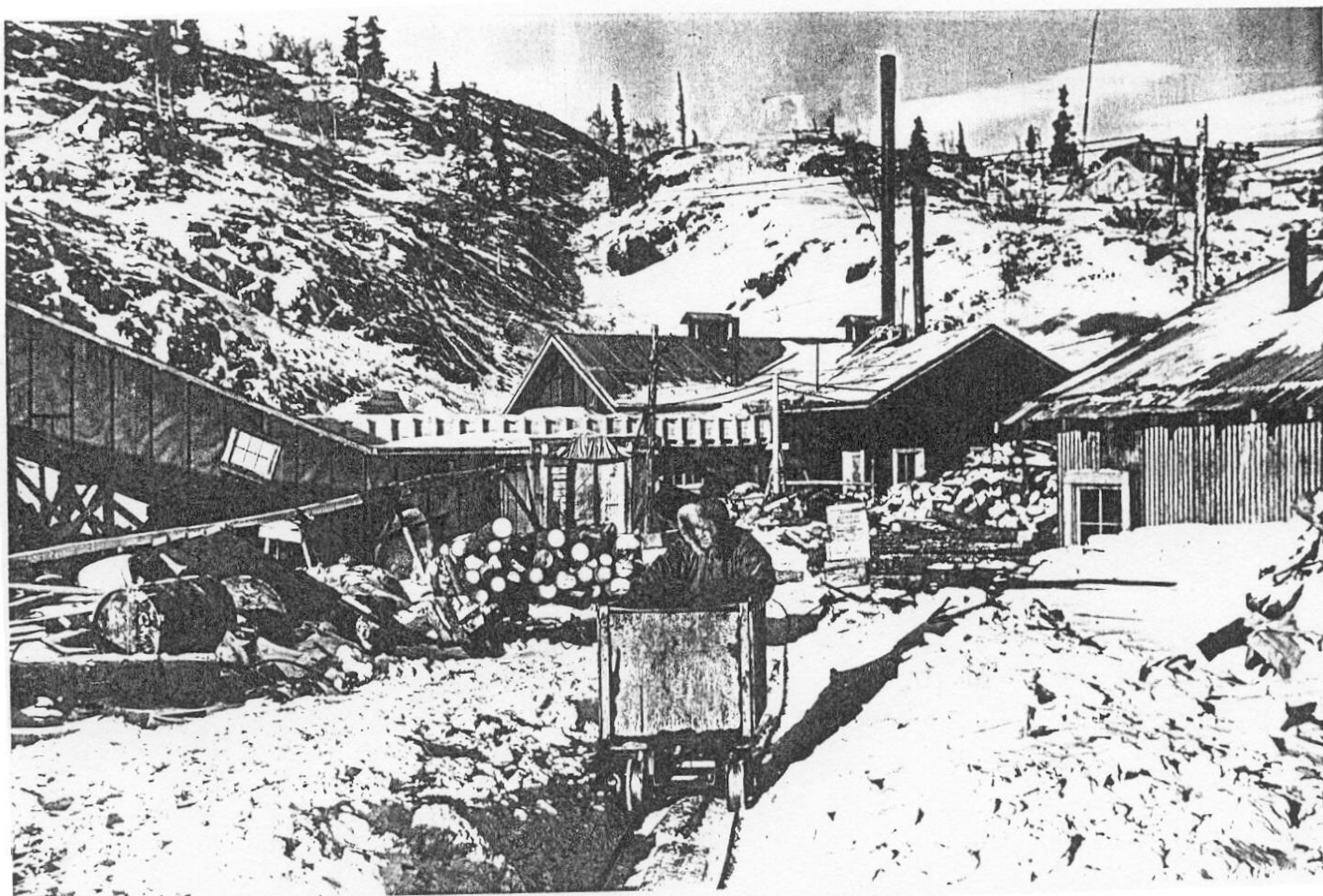
(1992 – date):

- Northern Transport Route surveys
- Fort McMurray sites (9)
- Beacon Hill Mound
- CN Waterways
- closure and licensing





Port Radium Mine, NWT





Filling uranium ore bags at Eldorado's Port Radium Mine in the NWT





Carrying Bags of Ore – Port Radium









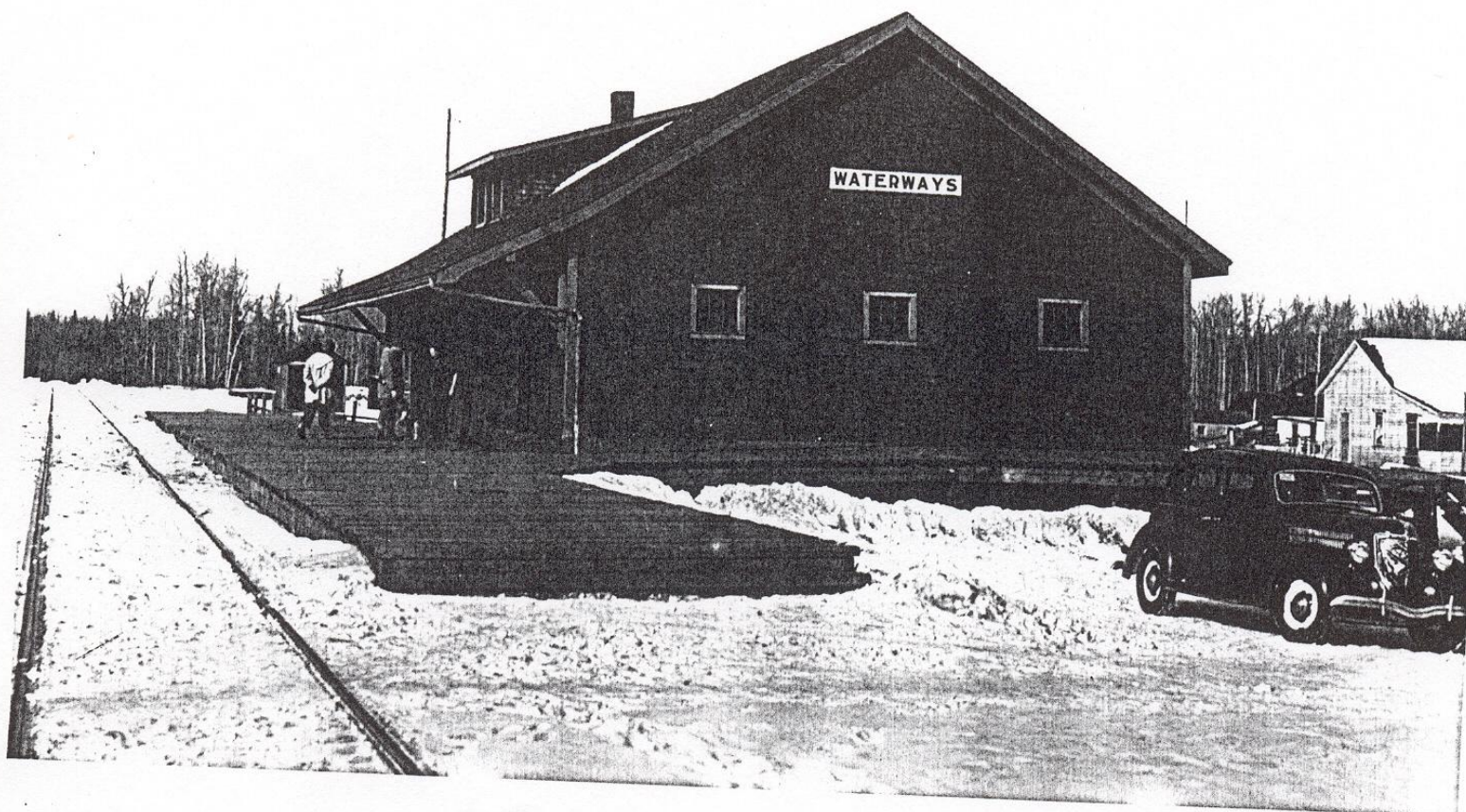


Fort McMurray, Alberta





Railhead at Waterways, Albert





















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**The Disposal Cell
Fort McMurray, Alberta**





**Construction of Disposal Cell
Fort McMurray, Alberta**







Tulita, North West Territories

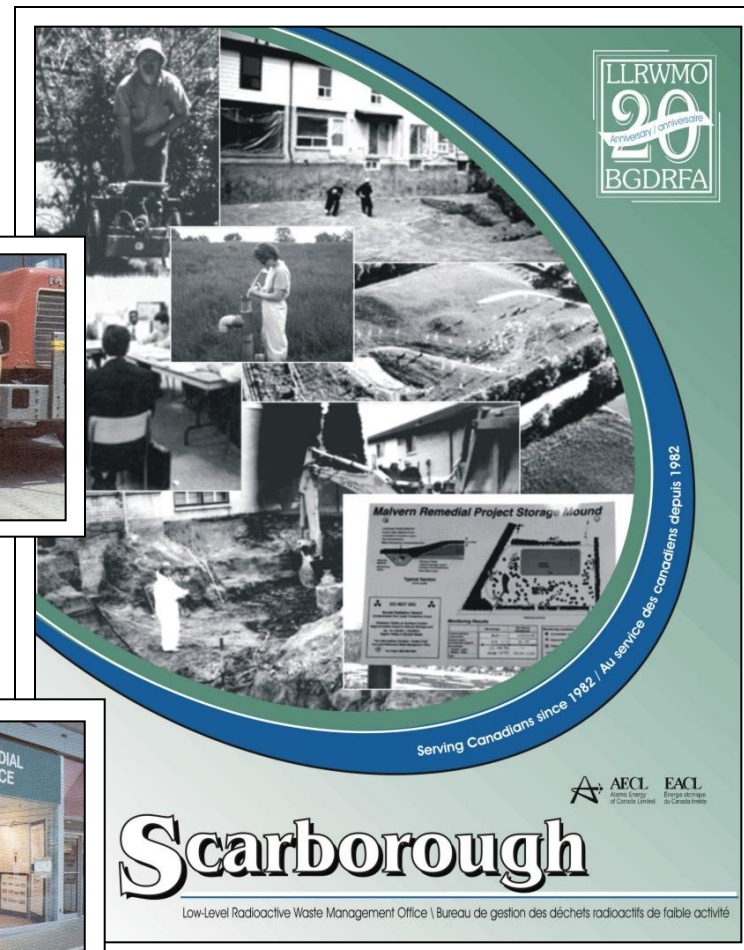
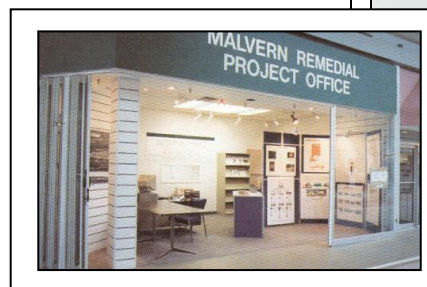






Scarborough: (1982 – 1996)

- Reesor Road
- McClure Crescent
- Soil sorting
- McLevin Avenue
- Malvern Town Centre
- Passmore Mound





Malvern Development 1973





Malvern Remedial Project







Malvern Remedial Project





Scarborough, Ontario

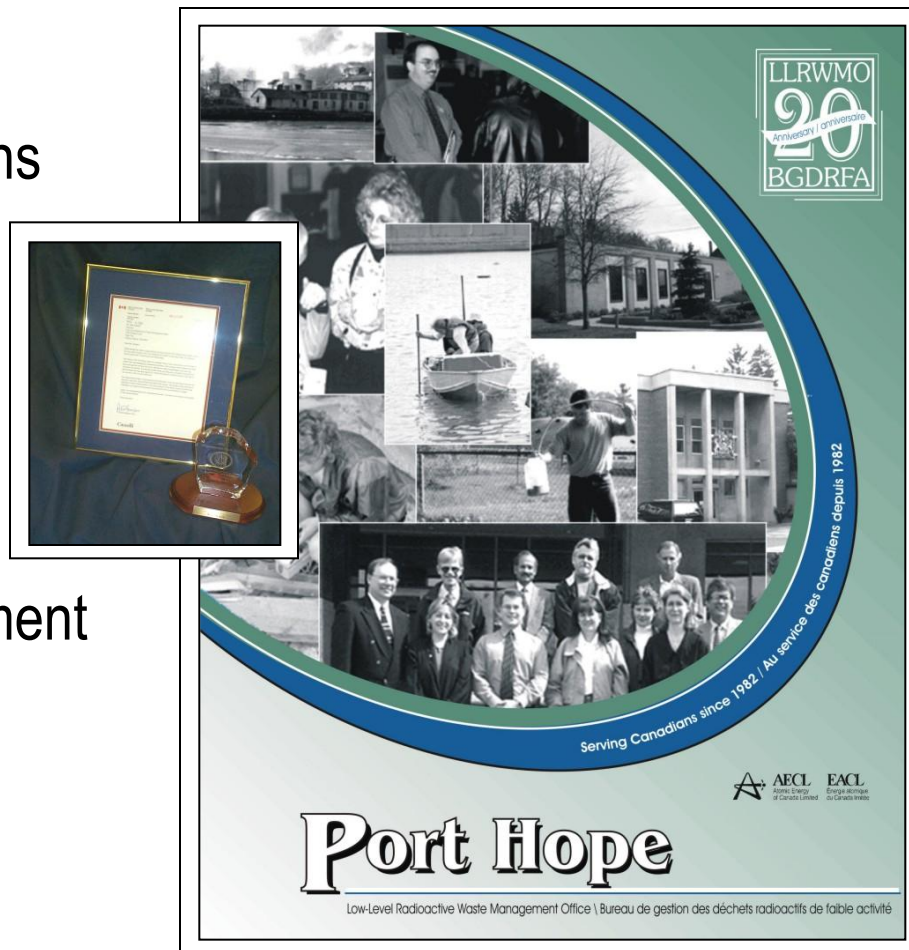




Port Hope

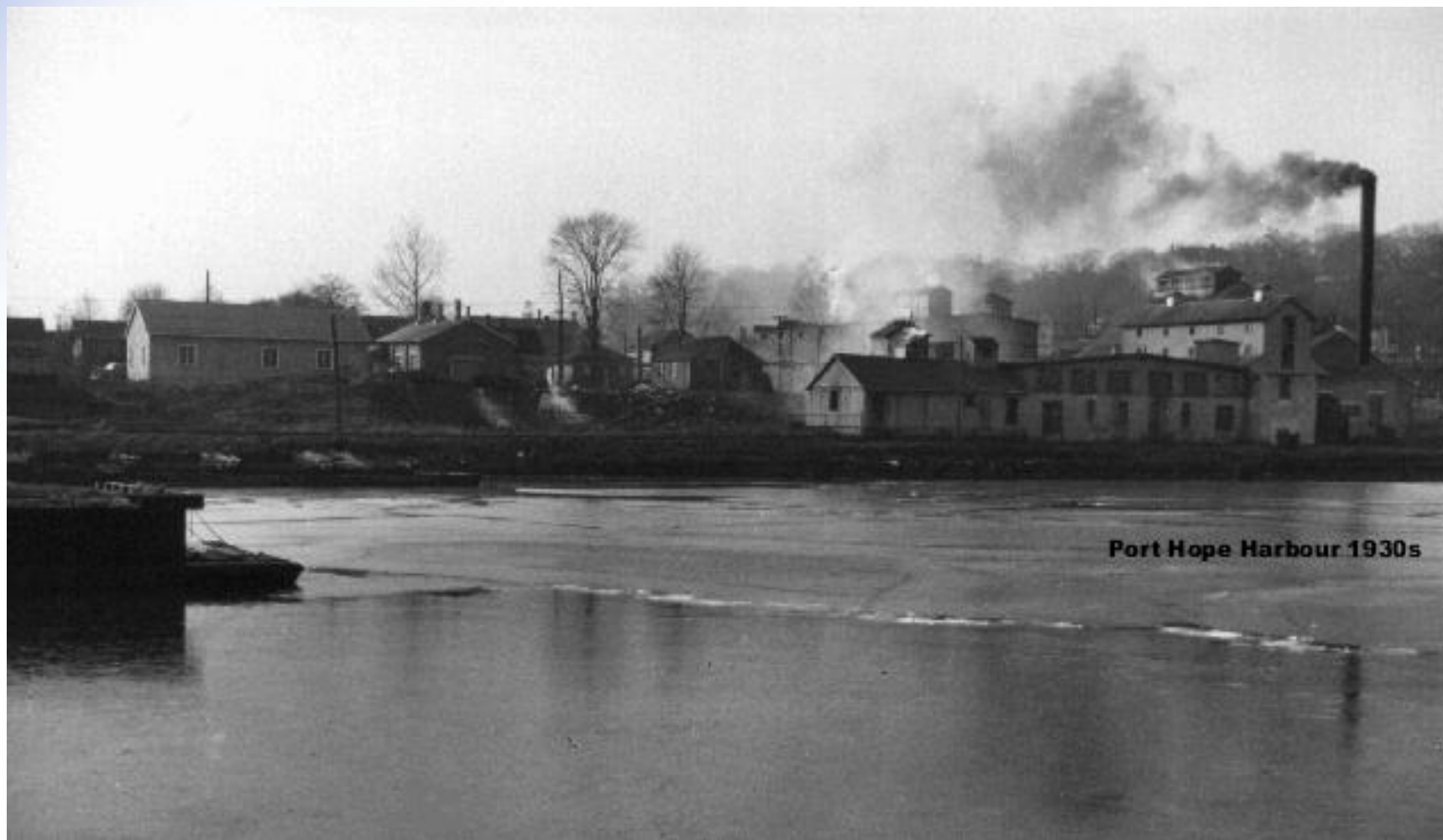
(1982 – date):

- FPTF cleanups
- Rollins & Strachan consolidations
- Construction Monitoring & TSS
- STF 1,2,3 and CLG's
- Interim Waste Management
- Community Principles & Agreement
- Port Hope Area Initiative





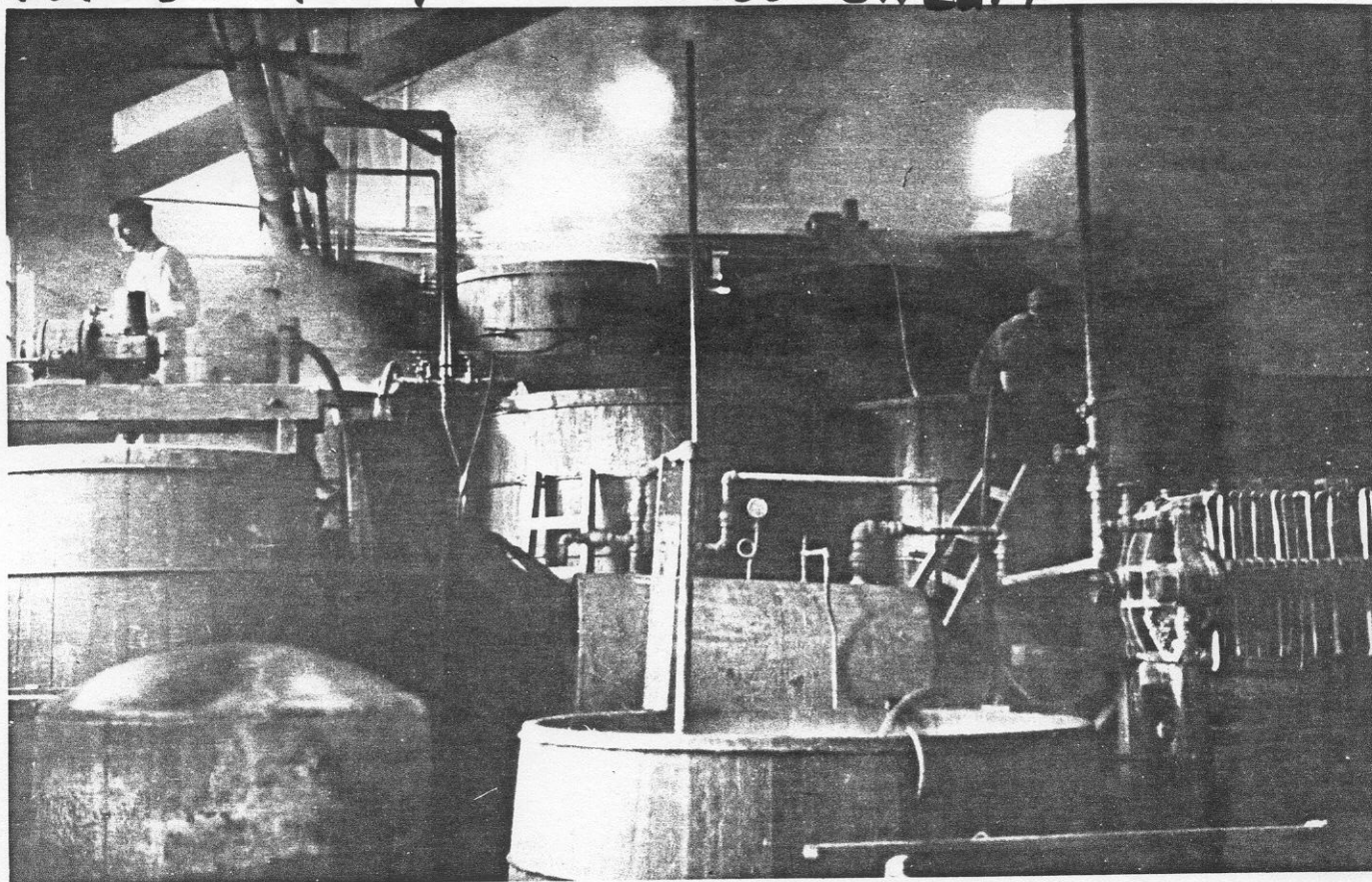
Port Hope Harbour –1930s



Port Hope Harbour 1930s

Port Hope Uranium Recovery Circuit

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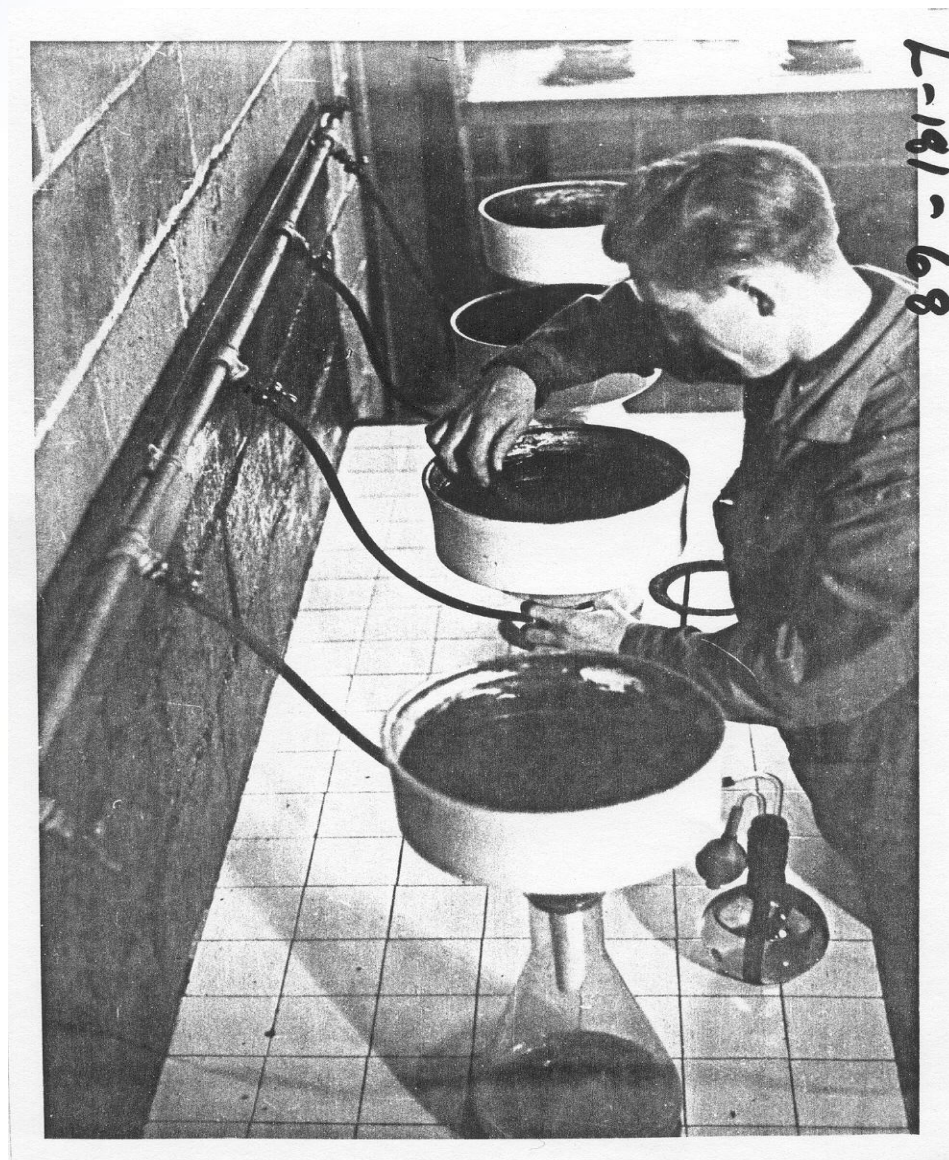


Radium Refining Operations



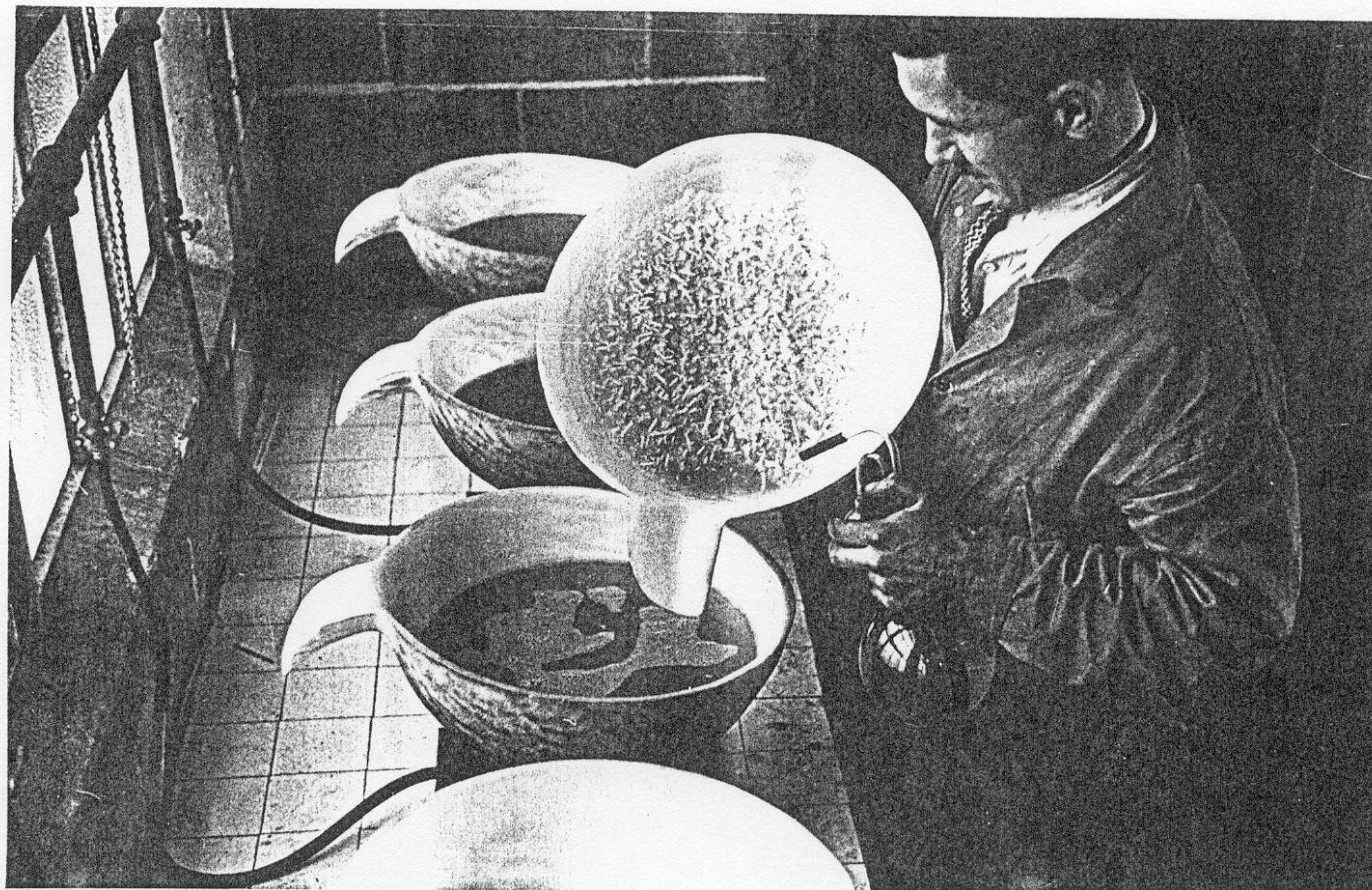


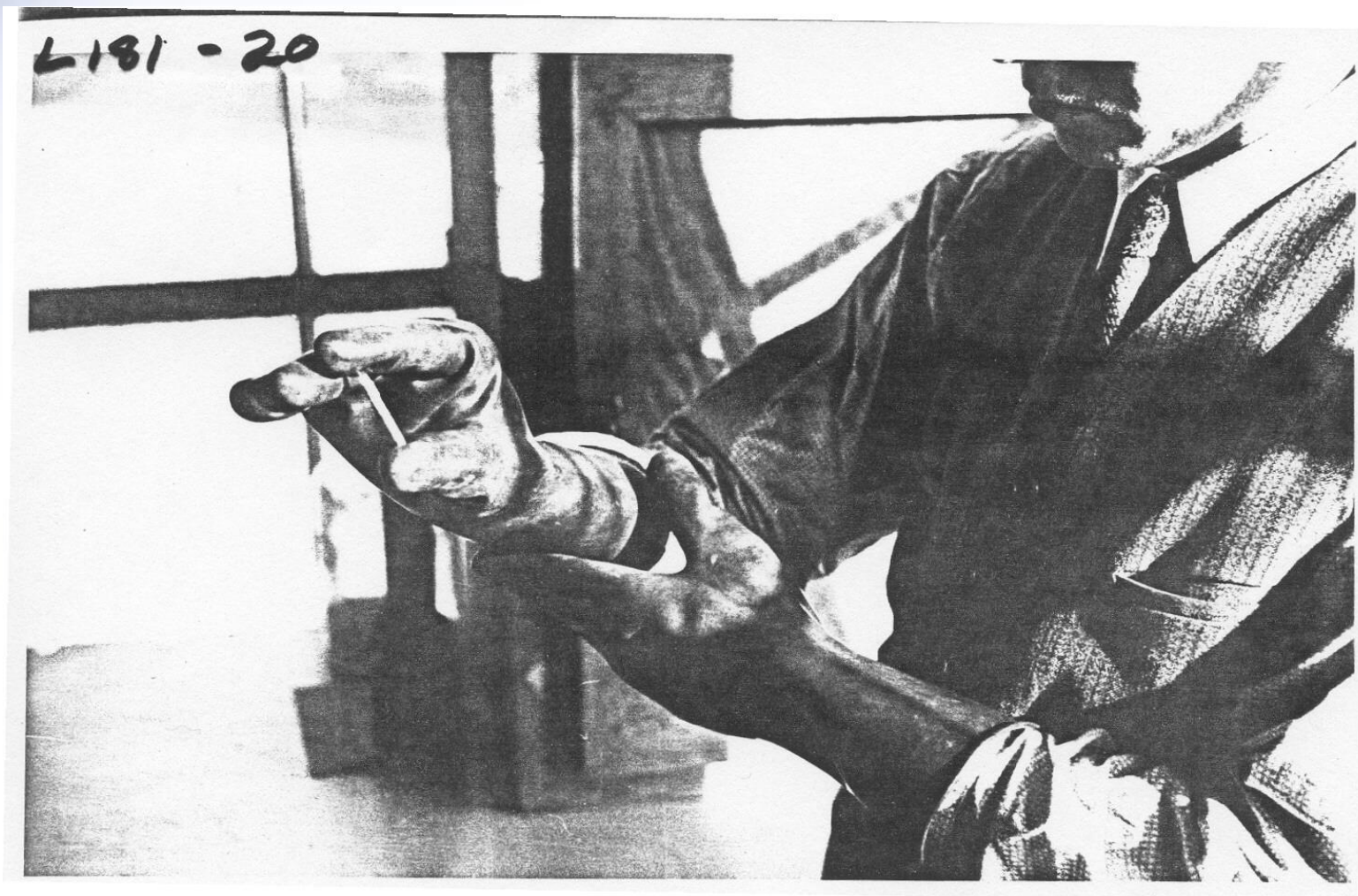
Radium refining operation at Eldorado's Port Hope Facility





Processing Radium Salts in Port Hope







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Interim Waste Management Program For Port Hope Ward 1 Waste Sites







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Port Hope – Waste Management

- Process wastes (chemical residues) were deposited at a number of locations within the Town of Port Hope, including:
 - Plant site
 - Lakeshore Site
 - Monkey Mountain Site
- 1948 -1954 **Welcome** waste site
- 1955 -1988 **Port Granby** waste site





Port Hope – Wastes and Cleanups

- **1976 to 1981 major remedial cleanup of Port Hope**
- **Site at Chalk River filled to capacity, switch to Interim Waste Management mode of operation for remaining waste**
- **1980 AECS orders Eldorado to decommission Port Granby and Welcome Waste Management Sites**
- **1986 Eldorado identifies potential concepts and local sites**
- **Area residents concerned**



Initiatives For Waste Management

- 1986, Government of Canada orders Eldorado **STOP WORK !!** on its disposal project
- 1986 to 1995 Siting Process looks for willing host for Port Hope Area wastes somewhere in Ontario
- 1995 with only one potential host community identified, Deep River negotiations between federal government and Deep River unsuccessful



Community Discussions

- **1997 to 1999 - Hope Township, Town of Port Hope and Municipality of Clarington developed individual conceptual designs for long-term management facilities with funding from NRCan**
- **Proposals sent to federal government from all three municipalities by mid-1999**
- **Negotiations began in early 2000**



Community Negotiations

- Negotiations lead to:

Principles of Understanding

(initialed by all four parties in October 2000)

Legal Agreement

(finalized in December 2000)



Key Elements of Agreement

Legal Agreement sets out terms of reference for the project.

- Cleanup of specific LLRW and industrial wastes
- Build long-term waste management facilities based on community-developed conceptual designs
- Establishment of Property Value Protection Program
- Hosting fee of \$10 million per municipality.