

Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) Responses to Recommendations/Comments from the Giant Mine Oversight Board (GMOB) 2023/2024 Annual Report

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22	Giant Mine Working Group (GMWG) Membership	GMOB is not identified as an observer on the GMWG; GMOB participates in GMWG meetings and should be identified in the list of participants.	Update the participant list for the GMWG to include GMOB.	The GMRP will update this in future reports and note that GMOB is an observer on the GMWG.
67, 72	Northern Contracting and Procurement	There seems to have been limited effort to support northern non-indigenous contractors.	Include reporting on efforts to support northern non-indigenous contractors.	The Project commits to continuing to report on Northern Non-Indigenous Key Performance Indicators, however there are currently no mechanisms in place to support Northern Non-Indigenous businesses.
Section 8.3.5	Training and Capacity Building	A significant number of training hours (76,741) are reported for 2023-24. The mechanism or process for confirming the effectiveness of this training e.g. linkage between hours of training and increased northern employment is not clear.	Describe how the effectiveness of the reported training is be determined. How many person have employment on the site as a result of the training?	As noted on page 96, the most significant contributor to the increase in training hours is due to Dechita Naowo’s increased hours of training offered which the Project allocates annual funding to via a contribution agreement. However, in terms of tracking the effectiveness of training on employment at the site, this is not something that the Project has the means to do due to the anonymity of the reporting and not being able to direct contractors to hire specific individuals. In addition, individuals trained by Indigenous training institutions, that are partly funded by GMRP, are not required to work on the site and are free to pursue other career paths.

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14 - 23	Summary of Remediation Progress Table	<p>Several items planned for 2023/24 did not occur or were not completed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submission of the Contaminated Soils Design Plan to the MVLWB;</li> <li>- Completion of the powerline implementation;</li> <li>- Completion of site wide geotechnical drilling;</li> <li>- Implementation of corrective measures at the NWPS and an independent review of the WTP pumping system design;</li> <li>- Submission of a revised Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat MMP.</li> </ul> <p>The table does not include information on why these items are delayed, and whether there may be implications for overall project schedule or budget.</p>	A brief description of the reasons why planned activities were not completed should be included in the Progress column. Any of these items could have implications on the overall project schedule or budget and should be described more fully in a subsequent section of the report, (Section 2).	The GMRP acknowledges the recommendation from GMOB and will ensure that in future reports more detail will be included in the narrative to indicate why work may not have progressed as anticipated.
Figure 3, Pg 26	Labour Resource Estimate graph	Figure 3 reportedly shows the approximate schedule and duration of the work packages, but it appears over the labour resources estimate graph. As a result, the labour resources estimate graph is not visible in Figure 3.	Update the Figure or preceding text for accuracy.	The GMRP acknowledges this and will update accordingly in future reports.

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Table 5, Pg 48	SNP Locations	The first paragraph in the results column references SNP station 43-1 and includes the location of this station. The fourth paragraph, in the results column, references two SNP locations (SNP43-23 and 43-5), but does not provide their locations. GMOB notes that, while figures exist showing the location of all the SNP sites, it is helpful for the reader when brief descriptions for the sampling locations are included in the text.	Include brief descriptions of the physical sampling location along with the location identifier when discussing monitoring results.	Consideration will be given in future reports to provide brief descriptions for the physical sampling locations where applicable. Please note the (third) paragraph that references SNP 43-23 and SNP 43-5 indicates they are located in lower Baker Creek.
49	Phase 7 EEM Report	2023-2024 activities related to the Environmental Effects Monitoring Program include submission of the Phase 7 EEM report to ECCC in June 2023. This report is currently not available on the MVLWB Public Registry. GMOB acknowledges that the EEM program is administered by ECCC and not the MVLWB, however it would be useful for Parties to have ready access to the EEM reports as part of the overall understanding of the aquatic effects monitoring on the site.	Provide a copy of the Phase 7 EEM Report for posting to the MVLWB Public Registry.	The GMRP can provide GMOB copy of the Phase 7 EEM Report.

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<b>Section 6.4.1</b>	<b>Waste Management - Audits</b>	This section makes no mention of any waste audits conducted in 2023-24. Per the Environmental Agreement (5.2 g) the Annual Report should include a summary of any environmental audits. This information should be included in Section 6.4.1.	Include a summary of the waste audits conducted in 2023-2024.	<p>A summary of the waste segregation audits completed in 2023 was provided in the Annual Water Licence Report in Section 2.1.2 submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.</p> <p>These audits are reconciled by the project on a calendar year basis and a link to 2024 results will be provided in next year's GMRP Annual Report submitted to GMOB.</p>
<b>Section 6.4.1 , Pg 51</b>	<b>Bullet List - errata</b>	The second bullet in the bullet list on Pg 51 is missing some text. This bullet should be corrected.	Make the editorial correction.	The GMRP is unsure of the issue in the bullet GMOB is referring to, however will, as always, attempt to ensure that any errata is caught prior to submission of the report.
<b>Section 6.4.3</b>	<b>Reportable Spills Summary</b>	This section notes that there were 3 reportable spills during the reporting period; additional information is not provided. 5.2 h of the Environmental Agreement indicates the Annual Report should include a summary of any reportable spills, accidents or significant malfunctions, and a summary of the Co-Proponents responses. A summary of the spills and the response should be included in the Annual Report.	Update the Annual Report with the required information.	<p>Below are additional details on the reportable spills that occurred in 2023 as provided in the Annual Water Licence Report to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. While this is a final report and will not be updated at this time, similar details will be provided in future reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 28 September, the measured operational field pH measurement at the Polishing Pond was greater than 8.5 (8.58). Approximately 400 m3 of treated effluent was discharged into Baker Pond before discharge was ceased for the season. The CIRNAC-LUI was notified, and a spill notification was filed on 29 September (Spill 2023459/2023418). Results from a composite sample collected at SNP 43-1 on 26 September met the effluent quality criteria and were within the required field measured pH range (6.5 to 8.5) in the Water Licence (Appendix B, Table B-1).</li> </ul> <p>Corrective actions include changes to the communication process during night shift and submission of revised ETP operating procedures to the CIRNAC-LUI for review. This</p>

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				<p>spill report is anticipated to be closed once initial discharge in 2024 demonstrates compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On 15 October, a small quantity of aggregate material (&lt;10 L) sloughed into Baker Creek during construction of a drill pad location near the UBC Bridge. The spill was reported on 16 October (Spill2023434). Inspection of Baker Creek immediately following the incident showed no indication of a sediment plume and there was no observable flow from Baker Creek to Yellowknife Bay at the time of the release. Aggregate was removed from Baker Creek and stored away from the channel. The need for appropriate erosion and sediment control, assessment, and implementation for each borehole was reviewed and communicated for the drilling programs.</li><li>On 3 December, a propane incident was reported as a spill (Spill-2023511) related to propane vapours that ignited while investigating a no flame situation on a vaporizer unit used to heat the B-shaft ventilation air. While draining the liquid petroleum gas into a bucket, the vapours ignited. Corrective actions include review of internal operating procedures and review of supervisory framework for external contractors performing work on site.</li></ul>

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Section 7.1.2	Monitoring of Arsenic Levels in Workers	<p>This section indicates that the percentage of samples above the action level is significantly lower than in 2022-2023. The report suggests that this could be due to the evacuation order and subsequent site closure in response to the wildfire. While this is a positive outcome, GMOB notes that the evacuation was about 3 weeks long; and even with the evacuation the total number of samples collected in 2023-24 was greater than the number in 2022-23 (Table 8). It seems unlikely that the evacuation was entirely responsible for the improvement in the blood arsenic levels. Understanding the major factors that affect blood arsenic concentrations in workers will help the project proactively reduce future exposures and elevated blood arsenic test results.</p>	<p>Review the potential causes for the change in blood arsenic concentrations and identify the primary factors influencing the rest results.</p>	<p>The GMRP agrees that the evacuation was likely not solely responsible for the improvement of blood arsenic concentrations, however still may have been a contributing factor. There are a number of health and safety procedures and factors on Site that the MCM is implementing to improve overall health and safety. These may include the increased quality of education and coaching with respect to health and safety, including an industrial hygienist as part of the medical monitoring program, integrating lessons learned to site practices, thorough documentation of reviews, and open collaboration between the MCM and subcontractors.</p>

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Section 8.4.1	Engagement Events	<p>There were only 31 engagement activities reported by the GMRP for 2023-24. The number of events ranged between 78 and 87 for the previous three reporting periods. The reduction was attributed to the wildfire evacuation.</p> <p>GMOB notes that the wildfire evacuation extended over three weeks. Even allowing for a two or three week reduction in activity as the project ramped back up at the end of the evacuation, it seems unlikely that there were 50 meetings/activities planned over the three to five week period affected by the evacuation. While the evacuation undoubtedly had an impact, other factors likely had a significant influence as well.</p>	<p>Review the reasons for the reduced number of engagement activities and identify other factors that may also have had a strong influence on the number of meetings and include them in the report.</p>	<p>The GMRP has begun a new stage in the Project with a focus on active remediation now that the majority of regulatory requirements have been met. This means the project requires less engagement activities such as Working Group meetings and meetings with Indigenous Rightsholders and Stakeholders for input on regulatory and remediation plans. The Project team has been working hard to reinstate Giant Mine Advisory Committee Meetings with the YKDFN, as well as annual Chief and Council meetings, but have been met with challenges due to limited capacity within the YKDFN.</p> <p>In the coming years, the Project team will be engaging more on the development of the Perpetual Care Plan, as well as keeping members of the community informed on upcoming remedial work and how it will affect them.</p>
Appendix C	Project Risks and Mitigation	<p>Figure 33 identifies "Total Active Risks", "Total Closed Risks" and "Total Issues". It is not clear what "issues" refer to.</p>	<p>Include a definition of "Issue" in the preceding text.</p>	<p>Within the context of risk management, “issues” are risks that have been realized or have occurred. Additional text to clarify this will be considered in future reports.</p>

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Section 8.2.4	General Comment - Employment Reporting	Employment Reporting has improved over the past few years. However the way economic data is reported seems to differ from one topic to the next, and In some cases important data is missed. This could be addressed by including the data that corresponds with the figures. Including the dataset as an appendix will provide the space needed to show the statistical details that are important to understanding the results, but aren't always required to be included in the text. For example, a single Indigenous female employee could be reported in numerous categories – IOC, resident, Indigenous, female. It is helpful to see how all the categories of employees add up to the total without double counting. Detailed data tables will remove any guess work.	Include a complete employment record dataset as an appendix to the annual report where all the employment reporting details can be seen together	The GMRP appreciates GMOB's suggestion and the Project team will consider whether a dataset can be included in future reports.
74	Northern Employment	The term "Northern" is defined as "resident of the North for a minimum of six months" in the text box at the top of page 74. However, it appears that Northern is given a different definition when applied to IOC employees,	The definition of "Northern" should be applied consistently to all labour.	<p>The definition of "Northern" remains the same and is applied consistently. The issue here is a mistake in calculations for Northern employment and training hours.</p> <p>A total of 34,089.50 employment and 632.00 training person hours were mistakenly attributed to Northern and IOC categories in 2023-24 due to a misunderstanding in IOC eligibility.</p>



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		<p>who reside outside the territory. This labour is being reported as Northern Indigenous and then included in Total Northern Employment.</p> <p>The residency status of labour is important to understanding the flow of economic benefits, and the ethnicity of that labour doesn't change this fact. The Project may wish to differentiate IOC non-residents from other Indigenous non-residents and non-Indigenous non-residents, but in all cases, they are non-resident, which means they are earning money in the NWT, but are spending that money and paying taxes in another jurisdiction and potentially supporting a family that does not reside in the territory.</p> <p>The current practice is inflating the perception of economic benefits flowing to northerners. For 2023-24, there were approximately 34,100 hours assigned to the Northern Labour category that were actually non-residents.</p>		<p>GMRP will make the correction to 2023-24 stats in 2024-25 report. Correction to other documents, such as the Snapshot, have already been made. Going forward, GMRP will make several adjustments to prevent this from happening in the future, including modifying the IOC Template (aka Attachment D) in the RFP package to better explain the IOC eligibility process to prospective subcontractors.</p>

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80, Figure 18	Employment by Skill Level (% of # person hours) - Clarification	The figure does not appear to capture person hours. The number of people looks to be the number of individuals who have recorded employment on the project, but it is not clear. Nor is it clear how individuals are being counted ... for example, is this the number of people who registered at least one hour on the project? One day" Or who stepped onto the worksite at least once? When including the number of people, it would be beneficial to also include hours or FTEs to determine the average length of employment.	Include additional information to clarify the data being presented.	The GMRP acknowledges that there is a typo in the heading; the title was meant to indicate the percentage of the number of people, instead of person hours. The GMRP will work to ensure that such typos are caught in the future.
Section 8.3.4.5, Pg 85	IOC Bonuses and Deductions	At the most recent GMOB Public Meeting (May 30, 2024), it was clear that this policy is not well understood. While the text does state that penalties/bonuses are assessed based on performance against the IOC <u>commitments</u> , it was a point that the public did not appreciate. A simple example would clear up any confusion.	Include a more detailed explanation of this policy, perhaps with a few examples.	The GMRP developed a document going over the Indigenous Opportunity Consideration process in detail. This document comes in a detailed and placemat version and will be shared with the public at our engagement sessions (e.g. Public Forum) and with rights and stakeholders during committee meetings.

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87	2023-24 Training Results - Total Training	<p>GMOB encourages a more detailed explanation of what is being reported as training hours. GMOB observes that approximately 50% of the 76,700 reported hours is made up of Dechjita Naowo. These are individuals who are not working at the GMRP (no recorded hours worked).</p> <p>Within the Dechjita Naowo hours, we understand there are several courses being offered, not all of which would necessarily result in employment at the Project. (This is not a bad thing on its own, but should be reported as such to avoid confusion).</p> <p>Currently, all of the training data are being biased by the inclusion of, what are essentially, postsecondary classroom hours which is overreporting training or, at the very least, leads the reader to an incorrect interpretations of the results.</p> <p>Information, other than hours, that would provide a better understanding of the linkage between training and employment/employability includes:</p>	<p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define what constitutes training.</li><li>• Distinguish between training that results in something that might appear on an employee’s resume vs time in a classroom.</li><li>• Report number of certifications &amp; course completions rather than hours.</li><li>• Where the GMRP is one of many financial supporters of education or training organizations, be clear on what portion of training outcomes can be assigned to the project vs other supporters.</li></ul>	<p>The Project team does not currently obtain this level of detail from subcontractors. The GMRP agrees that drawing a distinction between training hours offered by subcontractors vs training institutions is a good suggestion and will include it in future reports.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment outcomes of recipients of training, especially those that are being reported but with no work hours.</li> <li>• Courses completed (e.g. 'X' number of NWT residents have completed a 1-day first aid training; 'Y' have completed a 4-hour worksite safety course)</li> <li>• Certifications (HEO certification, etc.)</li> </ul>		
8	Report Focus	The first bullet indicates that "From 2005 to March 2024, \$466 million out of approximately \$1.4 billion (or 34%) of contract values awarded went to Indigenous contractors." Providing this total spending summary is fine, but the current report is an "annual" report, so priority should be placed on providing values from the 2023-24 reporting year.	Ensure priority is placed on information relevant to the 2023-24 reporting year.	The GMRP will consider this approach in future reports.
14 - 23	Progress Summary Table - Freeze Related	Activities conducted in 2023 included the continuing decommissioning of the Freeze Optimization Study; this activity is not mentioned in the table in the Freeze related section.	Update the table to include decommissioning of the Freeze Optimization Study.	This report is final, therefore will not be updated. However, the FOS decommission work is to be included in the AR1 thermosyphon contract which is anticipated to start in FY26/27. The dynalene in the system has been removed.
Figure 1	GMRP Timeline - Underground Arsenic Remediation	The timeline does not include the future remediation of the underground arsenic trioxide. Post Closure and Perpetual Care	Include remediation of the underground arsenic trioxide as part of the timeline.	Any future remediation technology that proves to safely remove or eliminate the release of stored arsenic trioxide in the underground at Site is not currently part of the licensed and regulated remediation project. Should a more permanent solution become

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		does not take into account the future remediation of the underground arsenic trioxide. This will occur as a full operational phase, followed by a subsequent remediation.		viable that proves to be more effective than the current freeze solution, a new project would be required, which would be subject to full consultation, engagement, design, engineering, and regulatory authorizations.
<b>Figure 2</b>	<b>GMRP Governance Structure - GMOB's role</b>	GMOB is identified as an "Other Governance Body". GMOB oversees all aspects of the GMRP and reports directly to the Ministers (Federal and GNWT). It is noted that the responsible Ministers are not indicated in the diagram.	Update the figure to recognize GMOB's oversight role and also include the Ministers.	The GMRP will include a reference to GMOB's role and their responsibility to report to the Ministers of Northern Affairs and GNWT within future reports.
<b>Figure 2</b>	<b>GMRP Governance Structure – Flow between Project Team and Management Board</b>	The diagram indicates a one way flow of information from the Project Team to the Management Board. Is this accurate?	The diagram may need to be updated if information flows in both directions between the Project Team and Management Board.	The GMRP agrees and will update the diagram in future reports.
<b>25</b>	<b>Wildfire Evacuation – Highlight Box</b>	This section indicates that "While the Project operations were suspended, the site was secured, with the gates closed, for the duration of the evacuation." This statement is not entirely accurate, as contractors had access to the site.	Update this statement to reflect that some parties had access to the site during the evacuation.	GMRP appreciates GMOB's comment. For clarity, the Site was secured, and the gates were closed. Contractors, with current key access, continued to have access to the site. No member of the public or parties to the Environmental Agreement had access to the site.
<b>Table 1, Measure 6 - Pg 28</b>	<b>Status of EA Measures and Suggestions</b>	Measure 6 is included in the "Completed" status row. GMOB notes that Measure 6 has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Parties.	Include a note to indicate that not all Parties agree that Measure 6 has been completed adequately.	The intent of the status of EA Measures and Suggestions table is to provide an update on the Project's progress. Information about the parties acceptance will not be included.

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Section 5.2	Inspections and Audits – Additional Information	In 2023-24, the MCM and its subcontractors conducted a total of 171 internal inspections, which identified 19 non- conformances with Project requirements. Additional information should be provided to give context to this statistic.	Include a formal list of the non-conformances with a red, yellow and green designation showing the seriousness of each.	The GMRP does not propose including additional details from internal inspections and audit findings. This section is intended to be a high level summary of the inspections and audits conducted on site. A similar approach is taken for the external inspections.
Section 6.3.1	Annual Water Monitoring - Mine Water Sources and Quality	Recent research by the University of Waterloo is showing that there is a substantial volume of water from the NW Tailing Pond returning to the underground. The mine water being pumped to surface is showing high levels of arsenic trioxide that can be traced to the chambers. Limited information is available regarding how the sources of water to the underground and arsenic to the underground mine water are evolving as the remediation progresses (i.e. covering tailings ponds and freezing chambers). Providing this information will provide confidence to the parties that the remediation is having the expected effects on underground mine water.	Include information on the sources and volumes of water reporting to the underground, and on the loading of arsenic from the different areas of the mine.	The GMRP does not gather information about loading of arsenic from different areas of the mine and does not propose to add this type of monitoring to the project. In addition, once the remediation activities are completed, the loading of arsenic is expected to decrease with reduced infiltration to the underground. Water quality comparisons to water balance predictions will continue to be included in the GMRP Annual Water Licence Report.

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52	Constraints Map Text Box	The constraints map should be included in the annual report as it was a product of the work done by the GMRP.	Include a copy of the Constraints Map in the Annual Report.	The constraints map was developed in order to aid the City of Yellowknife with their land use planning exercises; as such the GMRP does not consider it useful to reproduce it as part of the annual report.
Section 6.4.3	Spills, Accidents and Malfunctions - Additional Context	A formal list of the 28 environmental spills should be provided with a red, yellow and green designation showing the seriousness of each. This information will help provide context for readers.	Include a list of the environmental spills.	In 2023, there were 28 total spills, with 3 reportable spills and 25 environmental spills, which are under the threshold of reportable spills to the NWT Spill Line. The GMRP maintains a log of spills of any quantity on site; in future reports GMRP will provide additional details on reportable spills as indicated in the response above related to Section 6.4.3.
Section 6.4.3	Spills, Accidents and Malfunctions - Additional Context	Question – were any arsenic spills reported on the site either above ground or underground?	No recommendation.	There were no spills related to arsenic in 2023. See previous response related to Section 6.4.3, which provides more information on reportable spills.
Section 6.5.1	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	GMOB supports the continued reporting and monitoring of GHG emissions and will ask for the raw data for 2024-2025 to have this independently reviewed.	No recommendation.	Acknowledged.

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Section 6.5.3	<b>Incorporation of Climate into Project Design</b>	The climate data used by the Project is limited to a one-hundred-year scope. The Project has not done any climate modelling beyond this time-period which is problematic for a site which will be under perpetual care.	Climate change analyses should acknowledge that the project will extend beyond one hundred years, and designs should consider climate change impacts beyond the one hundred year time frame.	The duration of the remediation project is one hundred years, as determined by Measure 1 in the report of Environmental Assessment. Climate change projections are available beyond 100 years however, the reliability of those projections is limited, therefore the GMRP does not intend to include them within the annual report.
Section 6.5.3	<b>Incorporation of Climate into Project Design</b>	The climate change analyses completed by the GMRP do not consider how climate change may effect the movment of arsenic witthin the ecosystem. For example - how will changes in precipitation and temperature effect the movement of arsenic off the site?	Analyses should consider how climate change will effect the environmental behaviour of arsenic and whether this will impact movement of arsenic off the site.	The purpose of the climate change analyses was to confirm that the design in the approved CRP could still perform under the new climate change projections.
Section 7.1 - Pg 19, 57	<b>Occupational Health and Safety, and Remediation Outcomes – Minimize public and worker health and safety risks</b>	It is important for the public to understand how issues regarding working conditions on the site are addressed, including complaints regarding unsafe working conditions, harassment and abuse, and onsite fatal accidents are handled. The Annual Report should describe the process from the initial incident/complaint to the final outcome/decision. A format such as a flowchart would provide information in a clearly understandable manner for each of these scenarios.	Include flowcharts describing the process by which workplace complaints/incidents are addressed.	The GMRP does not believe that it is appropriate to include flowcharts for workplace complaints within the annual report. There are currently no flowcharts outlining how complaints/issues are managed. The MCM is responsible for complying with the NT Mine Health and Safety Act and Regulations, which includes having a Joint Health and Safety Committee, among many other sharing mechanisms. An example of this is the MCM facilitating monthly EHS meetings where community concerns are raised. The MCM also ensures the PSHEP (Parsons Safety Health and Environment Plan) is being followed; subcontractors manage their staff accordingly.



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<b>Section 8.1.1</b>	<b>Key Stakeholder and Rights Holder Concerns - Mine Water Elevation</b>	The Parties to the Environmental Agreement have expressed time and again their concern that the mine water elevation be maintained at the 750 ft level and that no water is to be allowed to touch the chambers. This has been acknowledged and guaranteed by the Project leads verbally but must be included in this section in the report as a written commitment.	Include the commitment to maintain the minewater level below the 750L.	Section 8.1.1 is a summary of engagement activities and updates to key stakeholder and Rights holder concerns which occurred for 2023/24. The GMRP has committed to maintain the minewater elevation, as described in the Water Management and Monitoring Plan.
<b>Section 8.2.1</b>	<b>Socio-Economic Governance</b>	GMOB has made a number of recommendations regarding economic reporting in 2023-24. These have been raised in the SEWG, the SEAB and with the Project itself. None of the recommendations have been taken up by the GMRP. The recommendations and outcomes from the SEWG and SEAB meetings should be summarized in the annual report.	Include a summary of the recommendations from the SEAB and SEWG meetings, and how these recommendations have been implemented.	<p>The Project team takes into consideration all recommendations provided at its committees. If there are specific recommendations that have not been incorporated or responded to, please let the Project team know.</p> <p>Any actions identified by the two socio-economic committees, the Socio-Economic Working Group and Advisory Body, are tracked and actioned within those committees.</p>
<b>Bullet List, Pg 19</b>	<b>Project Overview</b>	The GMRP provides a bullet list outlining successful outcomes of the remediation. What is not mentioned in this list, and needs to be, is the Co-Proponent commitment to support GMOB research into a permanent management solution for the	Include support for the GMOB research program as a component of the remediation program.	As per the Environmental Agreement and the Cooperation Agreement, the GMRP supports GMOB by providing funding for their research program. At this point in time, any permanent solution/future research is not a part of the current Project's scope and schedule.

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		underground arsenic trioxide and to assist in all ways possible, during remediation design and construction, to plan for future requirements for necessary infrastructure to access, process and store the remediated material.		
Section 5.1.2.2	Maintaining the Mine Water Pool	The second paragraph in this section regarding installation of the backup pump includes the phrase "...installation of the redundant pumping system back into mine pool near the end of 2023-24 or as weather permits." Since this period has passed, the wording should be updated to reflect what actually occurred.	Update the wording to clarify when the backup pump was re-installed.	<p>The GMRP acknowledges that the installation of the redundant pumping system did not occur at the end of 2023/24, but did occur shortly thereafter in April 2024. However, as this is a final report, the wording will not be revised.</p> <p>The Project managed the mine pool in accordance with the Water MMP throughout 2023-24.</p>
49	Errata	The last sentence in the first paragraph of Sect 6.3.3 states "...the Yellowknife Bay special study will be presented in the YK bay baseline report in 2024. This study was presented, so the wording should be updated to indicate this has occurred.	Update the wording to clarify.	The GMRP is appreciative of GMOB's attention to detail in their review and will update this wording in the next report to provide more clarity.
15	Wording Clarity	Second row in the Water Section, first column includes the statements "Construction of the WTP in Spring 2023....". This wording implies that the WTP was constructed in 2023; for clarity,	Consider alternate wording for clarity.	Acknowledged. The GMRP is appreciative of GMOB's attention to detail in their review and will work to avoid these errors in future reports.

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		this statement should be reworded as "Start construction in Spring 2023...".		
24	Errata	There is a misprint in the digital version.	Confirm appropriate formatting before printing.	Acknowledged. There appears to have been a formatting issue when the final draft was converted to a PDF. The final designed version of the report did not have this issue. The GMRP is appreciative of GMOB's attention to detail in their review and will work to avoid these errors in future reports.