



## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **SRC and AECOM to move Gunnar mine site cleanup forward**

(Saskatoon) - The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) has retained the services of AECOM to assist with the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the rehabilitation of the Gunnar mine and mill site, which ceased operation in 1963.

The Gunnar mine site cleanup is part of the Cleanup of Abandoned Northern Sites project or Project CLEANS. SRC has been retained by the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan to assess and reclaim this uranium mine and mill, located on the north shore of Lake Athabasca, Saskatchewan.

AECOM will assist SRC in conducting environmental and engineering studies and analyses in and around the Gunnar mine site this summer (beginning August 2009). In addition to the technical investigations, a core part of the EIS is the collection and incorporation of Aboriginal traditional knowledge and traditional land use of the people in the Athabasca Basin. AECOM has partnered with Kuni Albert of Albert and Associates Ltd. to work closely with the Aboriginal people in the Athabasca Basin in the collection of traditional knowledge and traditional land use information. This information will be used to help develop and select options for the rehabilitation plan. AECOM will begin the data collection program in August 2009.

SRC is required to produce an EIS that meets the requirements outlined in the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) *Project-Specific Guidelines and Comprehensive Scoping Document* (December 2008), which was prepared to address provincial and federal environmental assessment requirements.

Additional information about Project CLEANS is available at: [www.saskcleans.ca](http://www.saskcleans.ca).

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