

***Report on National Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Initiative
Progress to January 1, 2005***

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The National Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Initiative - NOAMI- has been in place since a workshop in June 2001 in Winnipeg. General information about NOAMI and reports published by it since then are available at www.abandoned-mines.org. It reports to the Canadian Mines Ministers Council at its annual meeting. The group includes representatives from federal government departments, provinces, territories, industry, Aboriginal groups and CEN. The CEN representatives are Joan Kuyek and Brennain Lloyd.

In 2004, NOAMI was very pleased to see a federal allocation of \$3.5 billion for the clean-up of federal contaminated sites, many of which are northern abandoned mines.

On November 29, 2004, NOAMI held a face-to-face meeting in Vancouver and approved the following actions for 2005.

- to get an update on progress on the new federal contaminated sites program (the money mentioned above) from Environment Canada
- to complete the study of legislation regarding abandoned mines in each province and territory that was begun in the spring. This will involve a survey of all provinces and territories and then an analysis of the findings to determine best practices and recommendations. An RFP is to be developed and sent out. This activity is behind schedule.
- To develop an implementation plan for the pan-Canadian inventory of abandoned mines based on the study undertaken by Ward Kilby. The design will link prov/terr databases to a national database through a portal, NRCAn has been suggested as the site manager the database.
- A workshop on strategies and issues for assessing liability, and financial securities for prov/terr, financial advisors and CICA members based on the Robert Repetto Report and the Castrilli Report is being planned for the fall.