



36th Annual British Columbia Mine Reclamation Symposium

Frequently Asked Questions

September 17 – 20, 2012 Kamloops, BC

What is the Reclamation Symposium?

The British Columbia Mine Reclamation Symposium is an annual gathering of people interested in mine reclamation. The Symposium is held in a different location each year and involves tours, short courses and presentations on different aspects of reclamation. The 2012 Symposium will be held in Kamloops British Columbia.

Who organizes the Symposium?

The British Columbia Symposium is organized by the Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR). The Committee originated in the early 1970's in response to a need in British Columbia mining for greater government-industry communication in the area of environmental protection and reclamation. Membership on the Committee is drawn from industry, provincial and federal government agencies, exploration and mining associations, and universities and colleges.

Who attends the Symposium?

The Symposium is attended by a wide range of people with interests in many aspects of mine reclamation and environmental protection, including:

- Reclamation practitioners from the different mining operations in BC and elsewhere
- Consultants involved in the reclamation field
- Provincial and federal regulators from several ministries and departments
- First Nations and community members interested in learning more about mine reclamation
- Academics involved in mine development, reclamation and closure
- Suppliers of reclamation related goods and services
- Students

What happens at the Symposium?

The Symposium normally begins on a Monday with an optional tour. This year there will be a Grassland Tour that will cover basic ecology and restoration challenges in Lac du Bois grasslands and Kenna Cartwright Park. On Monday evening there is a wine and cheese reception that gives everyone an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

On the Tuesday there is the option of a tour or workshop. INMET will be hosting a full day tour of the Samatosum Mine. The day includes a continental breakfast, a bag lunch and a stop for dinner at the Quaaout Lodge on the way back to Kamloops.



The other option for the Tuesday is a Towards Sustainable Mining Workshop hosted by the Mining Association of Canada and the Mining Association of BC. Participants will gain an understanding of the TSM initiative, how to apply the assessment protocol and understand the external verification process. The session includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Technical sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday with presentations given on many different aspects of reclamation related activities including planning, operational considerations, vegetation establishment and monitoring and water management and mine closure.

Each year there is a small trade fair with a number of suppliers and consultants providing information on their products and services.

An Awards Banquet is held Wednesday evening where awards for best reclamation performance in the previous year are presented in a number of categories.

How do I register for the Symposium?

Registration information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.trcr.bc.ca/2012-mine-reclamation-symposium/>

Is financial assistance available?

First Nation and community members actively participating in the review of reclamation at a proposed, operating or closed mine are invited to apply for free registration to the British Columbia Mine Reclamation Symposium.

Attendance at the symposium is a great opportunity to:

- gain an appreciation of the materials, methods and different approaches used in mine reclamation,
- gain an appreciation of the advancements in practices, techniques and standards that apply to the understanding and prediction of mine related impacts,
- learn about the different types of work conducted during all phases of mine life and differences between the various mines types,
- meet practitioners and
- see examples of successful work.

Free registration will allow participation in all short courses, field trips, sponsored social events and the technical paper sessions.

Persons wishing to apply should send an e-mail indicating their name, affiliation and contact information and briefly describing the nature of their participation in the review of reclamation at a proposed, operating or closed mine to Bill Price of the TRCR at bprice@nrcan.gc.ca.

For more information on the Reclamation Symposium and the TRCR visit:

<http://www.trcr.bc.ca/>