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Supplementary Information

**Presentation from the
Ya'thi Néné Land and
Resource Office**

Renseignements supplémentaires

**Présentation de la
Ya'thi Néné Land and
Resource Office**

**Regulatory Oversight Report for
Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic,
and Decommissioned Sites in
Canada: 2020**

**Rapport de surveillance réglementaire
des mines et usines de concentration
d'uranium et des sites historiques et
déclassés au Canada : 2020**

Commission Meeting

Réunion de la Commission

December 15, 2021

Le 15 décembre 2021



Response to:

**Regulatory Oversight Report
for Uranium Mines and Mills
in Canada: 2020**

**Ya'thi Néné Land and Resource Office
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Review of the ROR

YNLR staff and Board members, leadership, and the Athabasca Land Protection Committee (ALPC) members attended the virtual engagement session hosted by the CNSC.

Following the virtual session and review of the document, YNLR conducted interviews with members of its ALPC.



Importance of the Land

“The land means the world to me.”

“Land provides sustenance for current and future generations. It is connected to traditional knowledge and teachings.”

“It provides for us, and we hunt for our families. Our grandparents worked hard on the land, we have to continue on with what they left for us.”



Impact of Industry

“The lands have been destroyed from drilling. Especially underground mines not properly decommissioned.”

“Permanent disfigurement...contaminated waters. Now remediation has improved the land trying to return it back to mother nature. But the scars are testimony to mankind’s negative influence.”

“Everything has positive and negative. Raised family good financially. Downside is the traffic of the exploration, in and out of the mines, disturbance, water quality, and air dust.”



Is the land being Protected?

“No! They say [they will] but they don’t protect, only samples. Everywhere you see, the land already damage.”

“Now there are steps/processes in place to ensure our land is no longer being [impacted]. Been a long time coming but there is still a lot of work to do.”

“Yes, again time has changed. More organizations like Ya’thi Nene protecting the lands and waters.”

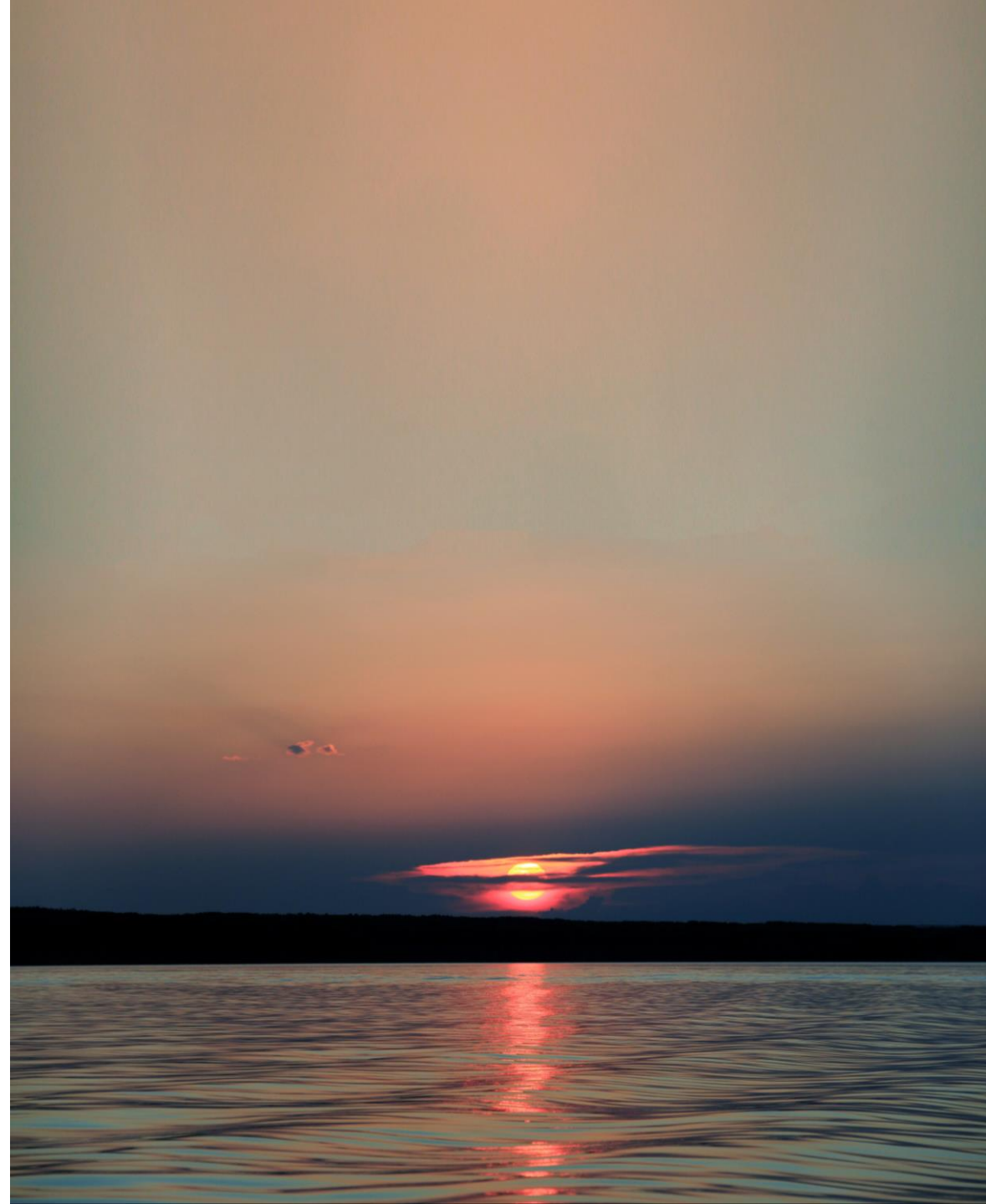
“No, I don’t believe it is being protected.”



What We Heard

Athabasca Denesų́liné and Basin residents are intrinsically connected to their land in all aspects of their lives.

Evident they have firsthand experience of how mining and exploration have impacted their land and their ability to practice their treaty rights to hunt, trap, fish, and gather.



What We Heard

Athabasca Denesų́liné and Basin residents acknowledge that they have seen the cumulative impacts of exploration and mining and how reclamation and remediation does not solve all the issues on the land.

They have concerns for how the land will continue to be impacted for future generations to come.



Closing Remarks

YNLR recommends that the CNSC continue to advance more robust and inclusive processes for both itself and the license holders to enable more effective communication and participation with Nuhenéné communities.



Closing Remarks

“The government needs to respect our views and work with us to ensure a sustainable, healthy, affordable, lifestyle. They need to be aware of our close relationship to the land and hear our voice.”



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