On June 7-8, 2017, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) held a public hearing for the McClean Lake Operation Licence Renewal in La Ronge. In addition to the presentations made by AREVA and the CNSC staff in support of the renewal of the McClean Lake Operating Licence, 10 intervenors also made oral or written presentations with respect to this renewal. The intervenors included northern community representatives, union representatives, scientists and others.

On June 29, 2017 the CNSC announced the approval of a 10 year licence renewal to our McClean Lake Operation. The licence is valid as of July 1, 2017 and will expire on June 30, 2027.

“We are pleased with the outcome of the McClean Lake Operation licence renewal process” said Vincent Martin, president and CEO. “It speaks to the excellent performance of this operation over the past 22 years, in compliance with the requirements of the Nuclear Safety Control Act, its regulations and other legislative requirements.”

AREVA will continue to remain focused to ensure we meet our production objectives while maintaining the highest standards in terms of safety, health and environmental protection and continuing to contribute meaningfully to our communities.

Information on our McClean Lake Operation Licence Renewal, including the public hearing agenda, submissions, hearing transcripts and licence renewal documents are available on the CNSC website at nuclearsafety.gc.ca

AREVA thanks all the intervenors for their participation in this renewal process and those who attended the hearing or provided services during our stay.

We value your feedback. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of our projects, operations, or this newsletter, please contact: Mr. Glenn Lafleur, Manager, Northern Affairs at glenn.lafleur@areva.com.
When Connie Mercredi joined AREVA as a Workforce Development Recruitment Advisor located in Stony Rapids in the fall of 2012, she was well aware of the company. Born in Uranium City and having grown up in Stony Rapids, like most people in Saskatchewan’s north she had heard stories of people working for AREVA all her life. It seemed like a natural progression in her career to also find her way in the uranium mining industry. Like her brother Ritchie Hansen, her cousins Roxanne and Eugene Mercredi and several of her friends, she is part of AREVA’s family.

After three years promoting AREVA’s job openings and training opportunities in Stony Rapids and the region, as well as making the link between the McClean Lake mine site and the Athabasca Community Liaisons, Connie’s position was relocated to the La Ronge Office in the fall of 2015. In this new location, Connie’s new role, as Northern Affairs Advisor, was expanded to include Saskatchewan’s entire Northern Administrative District with a focus on identifying and recruiting residents of the North who may be good potential candidates to work at the McClean Lake Operation. Connie collaborates with the McClean Lake and Saskatoon head office human resources departments on staffing and retention matters, and also with the Corporate Social Responsibility team to ensure AREVA has a regular presence in the Athabasca communities. “I love my job! I get to meet new people everyday,” states Connie. Indeed, she gets to visit many of the northern communities and talk with the communities’ leadership, high-school administrations and students, post-secondary education institutions and many community members. She also spends a fair bit of time at the McClean Lake site. When she’s not at work, Connie likes to travel the North and spend time with family. With numerous aunts and uncles and 54 first cousins, she never has a shortage of people to visit.

“I appreciate working for AREVA, it is a positive environment; there’s always someone willing to provide a helping hand and there’s never a shortage of new projects to tackle. I’m really content with what I do. Looking into the future I want to continue to develop my human resources management skills and at AREVA I have the opportunity to do that,” concludes Connie.

**First Annual CORE Days**

In June, as part of the First Annual Core Days in northern Saskatchewan, several McClean Lake employees were awarded pins to recognize their 20+ years of service within northern Saskatchewan’s mining workforce.

Core Days promotes the minerals industry in northern Saskatchewan and works to recognize those with long service to the northern exploration and mining industries. Core Days is sponsored by the Saskatchewan Mining Association, KCDC Northlands College, and the Government of Saskatchewan.

**Congratulations to Rodney Clarke and Victor McDonald from Stony Rapids and Archie Disain from Black Lake on this exciting milestone! We thank you for your many years of service and hard work.**
Happy National Aboriginal Day! - June 21

AREVA was happy to celebrate National Aboriginal Day with its employees and northern neighbours on June 21, 2017.

We are proud that nearly 50% of our McLean Lake Operation employees are of Aboriginal ancestry and that we all share the values of respect for people, culture and the land!

Dene Youth Drummers at McClean Lake

On Wednesday, June 21, the Fond-du-Lac Dene Youth Drummers performed at McClean Lake as part of National Aboriginal Day celebrations. The group’s performance was well attended and many employees took part in an impromptu drumming lesson. The celebration also included a fish fry and fried bannock, as well as other traditional Aboriginal items, including bison burgers and neck bones. Employees also had the opportunity to learn Aboriginal hand games. After overnighting at Points North Landing, the youth group returned to the McClean Lake site the next day for lunch and a tour of the mill.

The Dene Youth Drummers was started by John Pacquette just over a year ago. John believes that everybody is gifted with a song, and as such, the group has already grown to over 60 members, with children as young as six years old participating. The youth are very enthusiastic to keep their traditions alive, including caribou music and traditional dancing music! The significance of drumming is that it represents Mother Earth’s heartbeat, and is part of the spiritual healing process, used to chase away evil spirits.

The group has also performed in Stony Rapids, Black Lake, and Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. At McLean Lake, we had a total of 14 performers from Fond-du-Lac between the ages of 11-14.

Thank you to Sammy Pacquette, Dalton Mcdonald, Tenille Martin, Abie Randhile, Dustina Cook, Christina Cook, Shawntia Mercredi, Jarrien Mercredi, Denver Olson, Desireie Ledguerre, Ewan Pische, Logan Toutsaint, Jeremy Martin, and Jazper Pacquette for your wonderful performance! Another big thank you to John Pacquette and chaperones, Napoelon Pacquette and Rose Pacquette from Fond-du-Lac, and Bobby Mercredi and Nicole Martin from Stony Rapids.
AREVA Resources Canada

Some of our Numbers in 2016

Employees in Saskatchewan

- Saskatoon Office: 173
- McClean Lake Operation: 401
- Self-declared Aboriginal: 199
- Northerners at McClean Lake: 209
- Athabasca Residents at McClean Lake: 60

Goods and Services Expenditures

- Saskatchewan Based Businesses: $102 million
- Aboriginal Owned Businesses: $57 million
- Northern Owned Businesses: $64 million
- Athabasca Basin Owned Businesses: $44 million

We don’t just produce uranium, we contribute to Saskatchewan’s economy.

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Summer Students at McClean Lake

Each year, AREVA welcomes summer students from throughout the Athabasca Basin to work at McClean Lake. The spirit of our summer student program is to provide northern students pursuing post-secondary education with the training and means necessary to build their skills and experience within the Saskatchewan mining industry.

It is our hope that these summer students gain valuable knowledge throughout their four months at site and end their terms with a better idea of what they want their careers to look like. Summer students are employed in several areas of the mill, assisting full-time employees with regular duties and vacation coverage. Many of our summer students return to McClean Lake after their summer position for employment and opportunities in various roles such as radiation technician, environment technician, and mill operator.

This year, AREVA received approximately 80 applications for five summer student positions. AREVA welcomes Services summer students Rod Hanson from Wollaston Lake and Jaytin Cook from Black Lake; Warehouse summer students Garrett Robillard from Stony Rapids and Tristan Toutsaint from Black Lake; and Environment summer student Troy Clarke from Stony Rapids. Congratulations to all students on your success thus far!

Jennifer Noey - Environmental Trainee

AREVA would like to extend a big welcome to Jennifer Noey from Camsell Portage who recently joined the McClean Lake team as an Environmental Trainee. Jennifer will be trained in taking air, water, and soil samples from all around the McClean Lake Operation. Working alongside six full-time environmental technicians, Jennifer will get to know the McClean Lake area, and its 323 sample locations, like the back of her hand!

Jennifer’s position is part of a new and innovative trainee program at McClean Lake. The position, which is for a one-year term, is designed to develop trainees’ skills while they attend or pursue post-secondary education. The ultimate goal of the program is to prepare trainees for an eventual full-time permanent position as an environment technician.

Jennifer became interested in starting an environmental career due to her love of the outdoors. She enjoys hiking, fishing and camping at the family cabin, and is always looking for a new adventure. Jennifer has also enjoyed spending more time with her brothers, Aaron and Bernard Powder, who also work at McClean Lake. Aaron works as a Scaffolder Apprentice while Bernard is a Heavy Equipment Operator.
**AREVA in the Athabasca Basin this Spring – Recap**

The Athabasca Basin Career Flying Symposium: 
Attended by Connie Mercredi on behalf of AREVA. 
Father Megret High School at Wollaston Lake - May 9, 2017 
Father Porte Memorial High School – Black Lake - May 10, 2017 
Father Gamache High School – Fond du Lac - May 11, 2017 

Presenters included AREVA Resources Canada Inc., Cameco Corporation, 
Points Athabasca Construction Ltd., Athabasca Catering, Keewatin Career Development Corporation., Northlands College, Athabasca Security, RCMP, 
University of Saskatchewan - Nursing Program, Athabasca Labour Services, 
Quantum Murray, and Northern Resource Trucking.

Pine Channel Pilgrimage – June 2-7, 2017 – attended by Sabrina Fern* 
Ile-a-La-Crosse Students Awards - June 21, 2017 - attended by Connie Mercredi

**Upcoming Events**

Treaty Days: Hatchet Lake - August 1st, 2017 – Darlene Gazandlare* will attend 
Black Lake - August 2nd, 2017 – Rick Robillard* will attend 
Fond du Lac - August 3rd, 2017 – Sabrina Fern* will attend

Hatchet Lake Graduation – Date to be announced - Darlene Gazandlare will attend

Athabasca Sector Gathering – Hatchet Lake – Date to be announced - Glenn Laflleur will attend

Athabasca Student Awards - September - Exact dates and locations to be announced - Connie Mercredi will attend

Ya’thi Nene Joint Implementation Meeting – Black Lake - September 6, 2017 - Glenn Laflleur will attend

*Sabrina Fern, Darlene Gazandlare and Rick Robillard are AREVA and Cameco’s joint Athabasca Community Liaisons as part of the Ya’thi Néné Collaboration Agreement. They assist AREVA and Cameco in their recruitment efforts and represent both companies at community events.

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