

Teck Sullivan: Groundwater Notification

Summary of Recent Activities and Next Steps

The Sullivan Mine site, located in Kimberley, British Columbia was a lead, zinc and silver mine that operated from 1909–2001. Historical operations impacted groundwater originating from mine facilities. The majority of the impacted groundwater lies directly beneath the Teck Sullivan property. However, some impacted groundwater has migrated into surrounding areas in the vicinity of the Sullivan. The Teck Sullivan team has notified property owners about the groundwater migration. The team is committed to ongoing engagement and updates on the notification process and Sullivan activities in general leading up to and beyond the 20th anniversary of mine closure in late 2021.

Notification Process

The Sullivan team mailed more than 800 letters to property owners identified through a title search of potentially affected properties in Townsite, Marysville, and southeast of Marysville. Some of the letters were returned due to insufficient addresses or changes in ownership after the title search was completed and the team has worked diligently to redirect returned mail to the appropriate property owners. Send inquiries about specific properties to the Sullivan feedback email at sullivan.feedback@teck.com.

Engagement to Date

December 2020: Notification of Migration

The Teck Sullivan team sent written notifications to property owners.

December 2020: Site Overview Meetings

The team invited community members and other interested parties to participate in virtual meetings to learn more about ongoing site management and to ask questions about the groundwater migration. The feedback received during these meetings was used to help guide future meetings and respond to information requests.

February–March 2021: 1st Technical Sessions

The Teck Sullivan site team completed three two-hour virtual sessions designed to provide additional groundwater management information and answer more technical questions. Feedback from these technical sessions will help inform future information sessions planned for 2021.

1st Technical Sessions Summary

The first round of Technical Sessions was held over a three day period at the end of February and beginning of March. Participants registered for the virtual events on the Sullivan Mine website at www.teck.com/Sullivan.

Participants included affected property owners and other community members, representatives from several local environmental and non-governmental organizations, consultants, and local business representatives as well as representatives from the City of Kimberley and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

The sessions covered a range of topics, many of which were identified during the Site Overview meetings in December. The Sullivan team provided a short re-cap of the groundwater migration information shared during the December meetings.

The team also provided technical details about the water monitoring programs in place at the Sullivan, groundwater and surface water conditions, the water management and treatment system, and the regulatory process associated with the notification and designation of an Environmental Management Area.

Many of the materials presented during the Technical Sessions and results of ongoing monitoring will be incorporated into annual summary reports for community updates. The Sullivan team will develop the next round of Technical Sessions based on discussion points and questions raised during these events.

Session Exit Surveys

Session participants were polled at the end of the session, and gave feedback on their preferred method of receiving information about the Sullivan. Respondents overwhelmingly indicated email as the most popular preference with online presentations and the website placing second and third, respectively.

Nearly half of the participants also indicated interest in learning more about the new Sullivan Public Liaison Committee.

The SPLC was a critical link between Sullivan staff and the community during mine closure activities in the early 2000s and planning is underway to re-establish this committee. The Sullivan will celebrate the 20th anniversary of closure in 2021/2. Teck looks forward to the SPLC's role as the Sullivan team looks toward the next 20 years of site management and beyond. To learn more about participation in the new SPLC, send an email to sullivan.feedback@teck.com.

Upcoming Activities

2nd Technical Sessions

The Teck Sullivan team is anticipating a second round of Technical Sessions later this summer. These sessions will most likely be held virtually again due to COVID restrictions.

Contact Vehicles

The Teck Sullivan team is committed to being a responsible and responsive community partner.

Contact the Sullivan for more information about upcoming Technical Sessions or other site activities.



www.teck.com/sullivan



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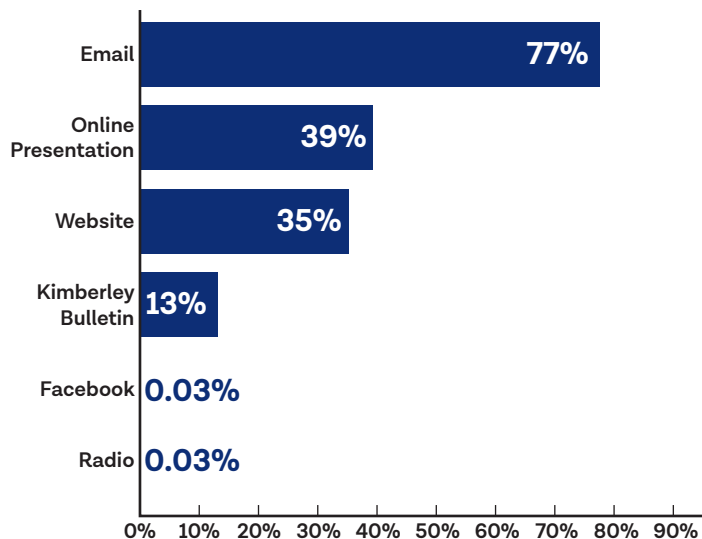


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Monitor Local Listings for information about future Technical Session and other activities at the Sullivan.

- Kimberley Bulletin
- Teck Facebook
- 2DayFM 107.5
- www.teck.com/sullivan

Preferred Method of Receiving Information About the Sullivan



Who is ensuring Teck is addressing the impacted groundwater?

Regulatory oversight is provided by The B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation. Teck has submitted a copy of the Notification of Likely or Actual Offsite Migration to the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and we are updating our groundwater remediation plan for regulatory approval and designation of an environmental management area. The benefits of this process include identifying who is responsible for the remediation, providing greater certainty for property owners and lenders, and ensuring proper management for the long term.

To contact the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy with questions email site@gov.bc.ca, Sullivan related emails will be routed to the appropriate contact.