

## » Tischa Ballantyne - A MOTP Success Story

Tischa Ballantyne was one of eight trainees that took part in the seventh run of the Mill Operator Training Program (MOTP) from January to April 2016 at the McClean Lake Operation. Tischa had first heard of the MOTP through CanSask Services and through a friend who shared a post about the program online. The post immediately piqued her interest and she decided she had to apply. Tischa explains that the application process was straight forward and simple to complete.



Tischa and 17 other program applicants were invited to McClean Lake for interviews. Out of the applicants, only eight trainee spots were open. "We all stayed overnight to get a feel for camp life and in the morning, after our interviews and right before our flights back home, we got to find out whether or not we made it in. It was nerve wracking," said Tischa. "When they told me I made it in, I was very excited." After starting her training, Tischa found the program to be very interesting. "I like that we are taught about all the different parts of the mill," she said. "Everything has been great here, everyone is welcoming, everyone respects each other, and the food is really good," she added. When asked about the challenges of the program, Tischa mentioned that at first it felt like "Information overload," but that she quickly got the hang of it.

After graduating from the course in April, Tischa decided to apply for a position at the McClean Lake mill. Tischa and several other trainees in the program were offered permanent or term positions at the mill. Working at McClean Lake was quite different than other jobs that Tischa has had in the past. "There are many more opportunities for advancement here," she explained. Trainees who get hired on at McClean Lake after successfully completing the program can gain employment in many departments throughout the operation, becoming anything from a mill operator to a lab technician, radiation technician, etc.

"A lot of people from northern communities work in mines and mills, and so far for me it has been a great experience." Tischa explained that she has really enjoyed getting to meet the diverse people at McClean Lake that come from all over the north and from all over Saskatchewan. Tischa is originally from Île-à-la-Crosse, she has since lived in Meadow Lake, Big River, and Saskatoon. She once again calls Île-à-la-Crosse home.

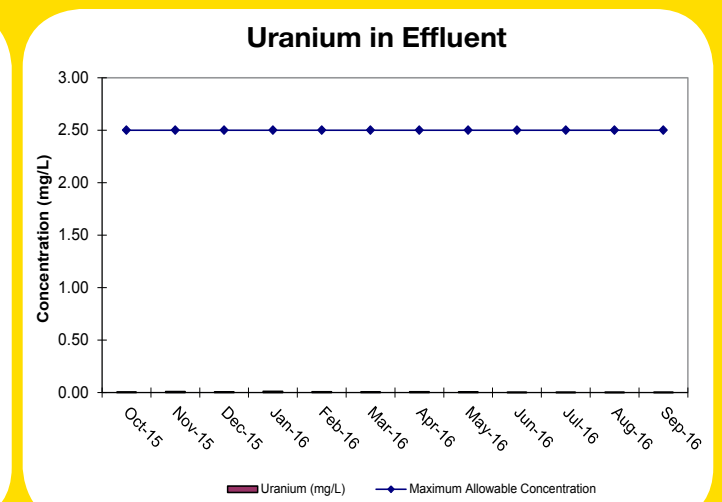
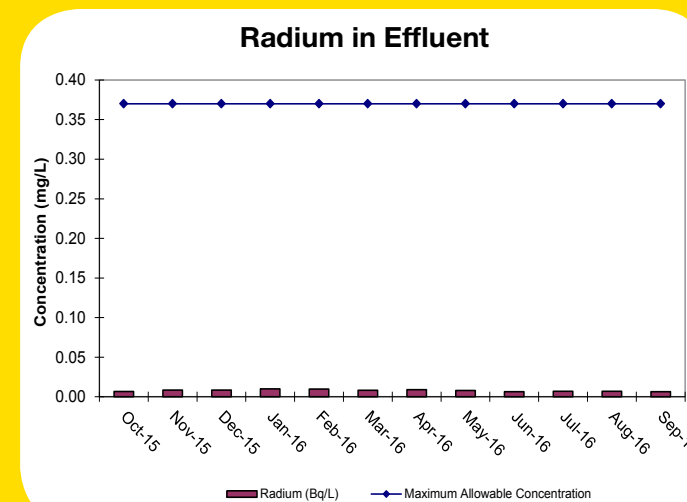
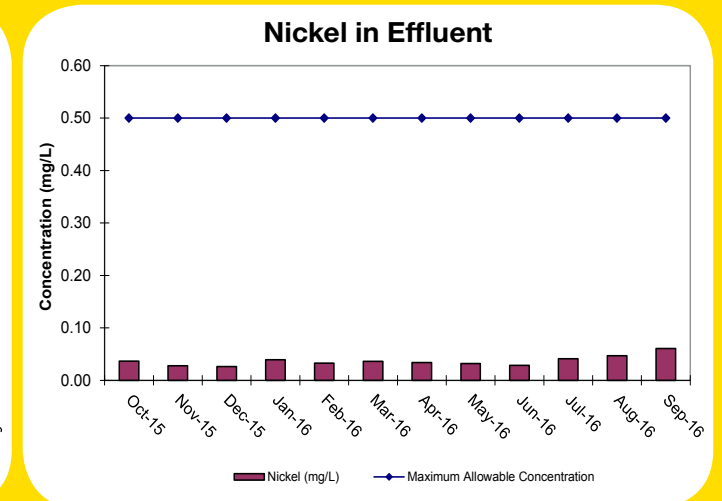
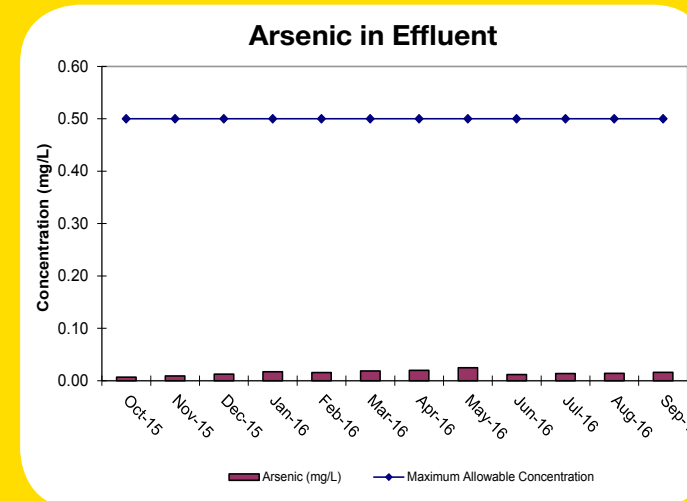
*The eighth and most recent intake of the MOTP is wrapping up this month.*

## » McClean Lake Operation Relicensing Update

The current operating licence for McClean Lake expires on June 30, 2017. A public hearing to renew AREVA's licence for the operation will be held by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in La Ronge, SK on **June 7-8, 2017**. Based on its track record, the operation's performance, and in order to provide sufficient review time between other environmental performance reports and future renewal submissions, AREVA is requesting that the CNSC consider granting a 12-year licence. Participant funding of up to \$75,000 was available to those who made an application by December 12, 2016. For further information on this proposed relicensing, see the CNSC website at [www.cnsccsn.gc.ca](http://www.cnsccsn.gc.ca). Stay tuned in 2017 for updates on the McClean Lake Operation's performance since the 2009 licence approval.

## » McClean Lake Environmental Monitoring Update - Q3 2016

AREVA's network of policies, procedures and monitoring programs ensures that emissions from mining and processing remain as low as reasonably achievable. The graphs below show the differences between the regulatory limits and the sampling results from water released to the environment at the water treatment plant at McClean Lake for the past 12 months. The bars at the bottom of each graph show the concentrations of elements in water from our treatment plant and the lines across the top show the regulatory limits. **The graphs indicate that concentrations of elements in our waste water are well below the regulatory limits.**



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