

Cleaning-Up Dew Line Sites in Nunavut: The Inuit Perspective at Cam-F

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CAM-F (Sarcpa Lake, Nunavut) is a former Intermediate radar station constructed as part of the DEW (Distant Early Warning) Line at the peak of the Cold War in 1957. It was operated jointly by DND and the USA Airforce, closed in 1963 and transferred to INAC in 1976, along with 20 other stations.

Traditional use of the CAM-F area by the Inuit of Iglulik and Sanirajak will be described. The local perception of the site and the newly re-acquired used of the area following the cleanup activities will be discussed.

The cleanup project also included many components to ensure maximum local economical and social spin-offs to the communities of Iglulik and Sanirajak. These benefits will be presented and discussed with the challenges to meet them from both Inuit and Non-Inuit perspectives.

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Mr. Kailapi Alorut was born in Igloolik, Nunavut where he still lives with his family. Mr. Alorut is a skilled carpenter who graduated in 1999 from Fairview College, Alberta. He has worked for the Igloolik Housing association and for the well known Igloolik Isuma Productions as project manager and foreman. Since 2006, Mr Alorut has been putting all his efforts in DEW Line Cleanup Projects within the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk regions of Nunavut.

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Mr. Jean-Pierre Pelletier graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Laval University in 1990. Since that time, Mr. Pelletier has been involved in environmental remediation projects involving contaminated sediment, water and soil. Working as a private environmental consultant for almost 15 years, Mr. Pelletier has acquired expertise in all aspects of contaminated sites and project management. In 2005, Mr. Pelletier joined Biogenie's Northern Canada Office where he now acts as a Team Leader.