



BC Crown Contaminated Sites Program Site Summary



Hewitt

Location: 49° 55' 42" N, 117° 19' 18" W

Status: Site Investigation and Risk Assessment

The Hewitt site was a silver, lead and zinc mine located near Silverton, BC, adjacent to Slocan Lake. Mining and ore milling activities occurred intermittently between approximately 1893 and 1977. Site features include mine openings, mills, adits, waste rock piles and tailings deposits. A preliminary site investigation was conducted in 2017 where contamination in mine wastes, soil, sediment, surface waters and pore waters was characterized. Most of the mine wastes sampled are considered potentially acid generating, and highly leachable. The primary contaminants are metals including arsenic, cadmium, lead and zinc. A detailed site investigation is currently in progress to confirm the nature and extent of the contamination. Future land management decisions will be based on the risks the site contamination presents to human health and the environment.

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