Projet d'exploitation éventuelle d'une mine et d'une usine de niobium à Oka

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SIMILARITIES BETWEEN KIKLAND LAKE AND

OKA

- 1- 1 BILLION DOLLARS CONTRACT IN 20 YEARS IN BOTH CASES.
- 2- INVESTOR'S MONEY COMES BEFORE PEOPLE'S WILL.
- 3- KIRKLAND LAKE: 20 MILLIONS TONNES OF GARBAGE BURRIED UNDER GROUND IN THE

FORMER IRON ORE ADAMS MINE.

OKA: 200 000 TONNES OF RADIOACTIVE SCORIES BURRIED UNDER GROUND UNDER THE

NEW MINE SEALED IN CONCRETE BLOCKS.

4- IN KIRKLAND LAKE AND IN OKA, PROMOTERS CAN GET AWAY WITH A CERTIFICATE OF

AUTHORIZATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT RATHER THAN OF A FULL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.

Under Section 48 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, a federal review could be ordered if lands in which Indians have an interest could be affected by a project,

(http://northernontario.about.com/aboutcanada/northernontario/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm? site=http://www.nt.net/%7Etpc/togarbag.htm)

5- IN ADAMS MINE, ROCK IS FRACTURED AND TRASH CAN LEAK.
IN OKA, ACCORDING TO NIOCAN, ROCK IS NOT FRACTURED BUT IT IS WELL
KNOWN

THAT MT ST PIERRE HAS PROBLEMS WITH RADON.

6- RESIDENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION. In Kirkland Lake, engineering authorities have assured the public that nothing will escape from the rock walls lining the open pit and the Ministry of Environment has given its blessing to the plan. However, there is much concern that chemical soup from the landfill site will find its way into adjoining groundwater and river systems, presenting a hazard for anyone living south of the old mine.

7- LONG TERM EFFECTS IN KIRKLAND LAKE:

"The dump will pose a potential health and safety hazard for up to 1,000

years," contends Chief McBride.
IN OKA RADIOACTIVE SCORIES CONTAIN THORIUM, RADIUM AND URANIUM WHOSE HALF
LIFE IS OVER 1000 YEARS.

8-IN OKA AND IN KIRKLAND LAKE, FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY CONSULTED..

9- IN OKA AND IN KIRKLAND LAKE, FIRST NATION, FARMERS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS
ARE UNITED IN FIGHTING THE SAME CAUSE.

10- IN BOTH CASES, THE PRESS DID NOT REPORT THE FACTS PROPERLY OR NOT AT ALL.