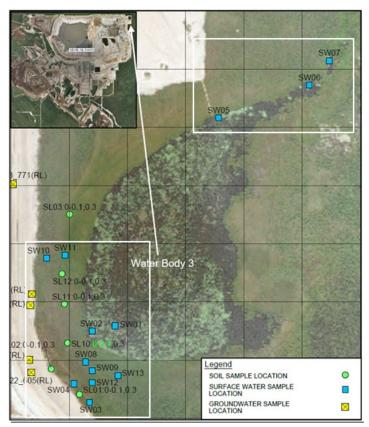
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Surface Water Quality

Location	Date	PAL Guideline Exceedance*
		Receptor (Water Body 3)
SW01 (receptor-near seep)	13-June- 2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW02 (receptor-near seep)	13-June- 2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW05 (receptor-near outlet)	13-June- 2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW06 (receptor-outlet)	13-June- 2023	PAL: total sulphide
SW07 (receptor-near outlet)	13-June- 2023	PAL: total sulphide
		Source
SW03 (source- seep)	13-June- 2023	PAL: F2, dissolved iron, total sulphide No guideline: naphthenic acids (1.8 mg/L)
SW04 (source- seep)	13-June- 2023	PAL: F2, total cobalt, total selenium, total zinc, dissolved iron, ammonia, total sulphide No guideline: naphthenic acids (2.8 mg/L)
SW08 (source- onshore)	13-June- 2023	PAL: F2, total sulphide No guideline: naphthenic acids (1.6 mg/L)
SW11 (source- onshore)	13-June- 2023	PAL: dissolved iron, total sulphide
SW13 (source- onshore)	13-June- 2023	PAL: dissolved iron, total sulphide

Interpretation

- Several metals and major ions exceed guidelines in the area prior to Kearl mine development, based on 2003-2004 baseline sampling. This includes iron, sulphide, zinc.
- Naphthenic acids were analyzed using the FTIR method. Naphthenic acids sampled on June 13, 2023 analyzed using the Orbitrap method is not available for this update.

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Location	Date	AB Tier 1 Guideline Exceedance*
		Water Body 4
WB4-SW01	13-June-2023	PAL: total cobalt, total selenium, total sulphide

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Interpretation

- Toluene may be biogenic (natural) in origin and is common in wetlands.
- Naphthenic acids were below detection limit based on the FTIR analytical method. Naphthenic acids sampled on June 13, 2023 analyzed using the Orbitrap method is not available for this update.

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Groundwater

Last sampled on June 1, 2023. Refer to previous update.

Soils

Last sampled on April 22, 2023. Refer to previous update.

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