## **GIANT MINE AND HUMAN HEALTH**

## **WORKSHOP FOR GRADES 6 TO 9**



# **Trivia Questions and Answers**

## Giant Mine & Health Effects Monitoring Program (YKHEMP)

1.	Giant Mine operated i	n Yellowknife from 1948 to 2004.
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- B. False
- 2. What metal was mined at Giant Mine?
  - A. Diamonds
  - B. Gold
  - C. Silver
  - D. Copper
- 3. Where did the gold come from?
  - A. Soil
  - B. Water
  - C. Arsenopyrite ore
  - D. Lava
- 4. In extracting gold, what toxic chemical was released as a byproduct?
  - A. Arsenic Trioxide
  - B. Nickel
  - C. Oxygen
  - D. Zinc
- 5. Giant Mine is considered one of the most contaminated sites in Canada.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 6. A local health program is testing people for arsenic and other metals of concern.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 7. Which university is responsible for the health monitoring program?
  - A. University of Victoria
  - B. University of Alberta
  - C. University of Ottawa
  - D. University of British Columbia
- 8. The health monitoring program is collecting urine and toenail clippings to test for arsenic.
  - A. True
  - B. False

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- 9. What is human biomonitoring? (Bonus question)
  - A. Measurement of wildlife in the area.
  - B. Measurement of a chemical (like arsenic) in the body.
  - C. Measurement of your mental health.
  - D. Measurement of your height and weight.

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#### Water, Land and Food in the Yellowknife Area

1.	Tap water in	Yellowknife,	Ndılo and	Dettah is	s safe to	drink.
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- A. True
- B. False
- 2. Which of these lakes is safe for swimming? Best guess
  - A. Niven Lake
  - B. Frame Lake
  - C. Great Slave Lake
  - D. Rat Lake
- 3. If you boil water from a contaminated lake, it will remove arsenic.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 4. Garden vegetables grown in Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah are safe to eat.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 5. Which of these things is more likely to absorb arsenic from the soil? (Best guess)
  - A. Pine mushrooms
  - B. Lowbush Cranberries
  - C. Labrador tea
  - D. Saskatoon berries
- 6. It is safe to eat wild berries around Yellowknife but *away* from roads, industrial activities, and contaminated sites.
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 7. Which of these foods is usually higher in arsenic?
  - A. Berries
  - B. Bread
  - C. Rice
  - D. Chips
- 8. What can you do to keep your arsenic levels low?
  - A. Don't smoke
  - B. Wash your hands before eating
  - C. Wash your garden veggies to remove any soil
  - D. All of the above