

To: Mt Polley Mining Corporation
Attn: Dale Reimer, Manager

Dear Mr. Reimer,

I'm going to point out some of the facts concerning your Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) failure as well as some opinions and suggestions.

You allowed a catastrophic failure to occur to your Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) on Aug 4/14. You had been warned many times that the water levels were too high in your TSF prior to the failure but you continued to operate despite the warnings. The resulting failure wiped out Hazeltine creek, did much damage to Polley Lake and Quesnel Lake and the surrounding environments. Hazeltine creek is now deemed non-existent according to the Dept of Fisheries. It will never support any salmon species spawning as it did prior to your failure.

According to Scientists, it may be many years before the actual damage done to Quesnel Lake and the various fish species will be known but we, who live and use this lake and watershed are already noticing many harmful effects.

As a result of your failure, there has been many adverse economic and emotional impacts done to many residents who live, visit, recreate, or once made a living from the pristine environment Quesnel Lake previously offered.

We all know you are a large wealthy company which has a responsibility to your shareholders who expect profits which allows for a decent return on their investments. Also as a byproduct of this quest, your company supports the livelihoods of many workers who live in or near Likely and Williams Lake and some from afar.

We recognize that with the wealth and power that you possess and with the political donations that support your industry, you can easily garner support from the Provincial govt, from the local municipal Gov't's, from the local businesses who appreciate the business you conduct with them.

All of these people behind the various levels of govt, behind the counters of the businesses you deal with in Williams Lake, even all of the workers you employ; they all know right from wrong. Many of them remain silent but they know right from wrong.

Your error in judgement with respect to overfilling the TSF could have cost many of them their livelihoods or at least made it more difficult to exist without your support. The power goes to those who control the purse strings.

After the mine shut down due to the TSF failure, you were able to convince the govt to operate once again after amending a few permits here and there in order to afford to continue the restoration of the damage that you caused. Yes; you said you were out of money and you needed to operate to enable your continuation of the clean up of the damages you caused.

You are now operating and making millions of dollars but instead of continuing to clean up your mess, you are asking the govt to permit you to further pollute Quesnel Lake with mine waste. 10 million cubic meters per year; 250 thousand Imperial gallons of mine waste per hour, 24 hours per day into our once pristine lake. You are asking the govt for a permit to discharge waste containing dissolved metals, water that has been soaking up the hundreds of truckloads of biosolids that are spread around your mine site every year and the human waste of the hundreds of workers whom you employ.

Permission to do this is adding to the already heavy burden this lake has sustained from your TSF failure. It is adding to the heavy burden that already exists in the Fraser River which eventually spews everything out into the basin in our largest city of Vancouver.

A few years ago, I paid nearly \$20,000.00 to install a septic system that met Interior Health's permit standards but I did not mind as I knew it allowed me to drink the water from this lake. That luxury no longer exists.

I understand that you received a permit amendment from the MOE which allows you to discharge your untreated sewage into your Tailings Storage Facility. You then received another permit amendment to allow temporary discharge from TSF into Quesnel Lake and you have received other amendments which allow you to release greater concentrations of metals. And you are now applying for a further permit amendment to allow PERMANENT discharge into Quesnel Lake. Us landowners require high standard sewage systems near the lake but the Mine just flushes the toilet and the waste ends up in our lake.

You say the discharge meets all the necessary requirements. You say it meets BC Water Quality Guidelines. Outside the "Initial Dilution Zone". Yes, once this mine waste goes through the diffusers which are 45 and 50 meters below the surface of the lake and you test the water outside the 100 meter "Initial Dilution Zone", you say it is safe. Well especially if you average all the readings over a period of time. There is no testing at the end of pipe.

For some reason there is a discrepancy between the readings you provide from your monitoring and the readings other sources provide. You have been asked to explain the discrepancy more than once and you have never given a reason to my knowledge. But you are looking into it.

It is time to STOP this charade. It is time you seriously look for and determine another course of action to rid your mine of toxic waste that does NOT involve Quesnel Lake. You have done enough harm to this environment. You have done enough harm to your neighbours. You have done enough harm to the future of mining in BC. Quit your Bullying; we are not your employees. STOP! It is bad enough that you refuse to take responsibility for your past failures, your refusal to deal with the current issues in a responsible manner will not bode well for future mining development in BC.

NONE of the people most affected by your failure want to see any more of your mine waste discharged into Quesnel Lake. They are all tired of your bullshit; of your spin doctors, of all your hired guns. They are all tired of your divisive tactics which have caused hardships amongst family members and caused bad feelings between neighbours. They are tired of your bought and paid for Science. Most of them no longer want to attend your tightly regulated and agenda driven BS sessions.

Your actions speak volumes. The disrespect you show for our beautiful surroundings is evident everywhere and the disdain you show for the people who love and live in this area is all too clear. Your footprint is large and heavy on this land.

Invest some of the millions you are now making, in what you promised when you were granted a temporary operating permit. Purchase an ADEQUATE water treatment plant and look after your unwanted mine waste without harming our environment. This is YOUR problem. Be responsible and look after it.

Kim Goforth
Resident of Quesnel Lake