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NEWS/ISSUES

* East Kootenay Zone Mine Rescue competition (76th annual) will be held in Sparwood on Saturday 24 May.

HB

* Interesting twist to fate of the HB mine (near Salmo). It seems that leachate from the regional district landfill has migrated on to the adjacent land which also contains the HB tailings pond. The regional district are considering purchasing the ponds and have requested information as to permit liabilities (interesting because the Cominco reclamation permit was never cancelled on transferred when the property was sold. Following bankruptcy, the mine is now owner by Nudawn who failed to shovel snow from the roof of the mill which has now partially collapsed)

Black Crystal

* IMP Industrial Mineral Park Mining Corp are once again requesting staff input into permitting requirements for a major mine development at the Black Crystal site (Hodder Creek in the Slocan). A 10,000ton bulk sample was permitted 2 years ago, this was never fully extracted and the proponent has never conducted a conventional exploration drill program in the sample site. Staff have consistently advise various representatives of IMP that a mine plan can not be reviewed unless it is bases on a reserve proved by exploration.

* Mr Mehmah held a tour of his proposed gravel pit and an openhouse in Grand Forks (to satisfy a commitment in a ministers letter to a neighbour). Attended by 4 persons, one of whom was bitterly opposed to project. Following failure of staff to terminate this application, complaint to ombudsman about undue haste in permitting process [original application to Kamloops office in 1993]

* Gravel pit proposal in Castlegar likely going the same way

ADMIN

Vacant Reclamation Inspector position has been posted out of