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# Bellekeno Mine Dry Stack Tailings





- Established in 2005
- Now Canada's only primary silver producer: 2 million oz silver production in 2011
- Sole owner of Keno Hill Silver District
- Developing 2 new mines, near-term
- Environmental subsidiary, Alexco Environmental Group







- First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun: Traditional territory
- eba: Dry Stack design and performance monitoring
- Access Consulting Group, Dry Stack environmental performance monitoring
- Katherine Penny, Mill Manager
- Vanessa Benwood, Environmental Coordinator
- Alexco Management team: Clynt Nauman, Brad Thrall



# Perspectives on Bellekeno Dry Stack Tailings



- Environmental Assessment and Permitting
- Bellekeno Dry Stack Design
- Bellekeno Dry Stack Performance 2011-present
- Regulatory Perspective
- First Nations/Community Perspective
- DSTF Risk Assessment

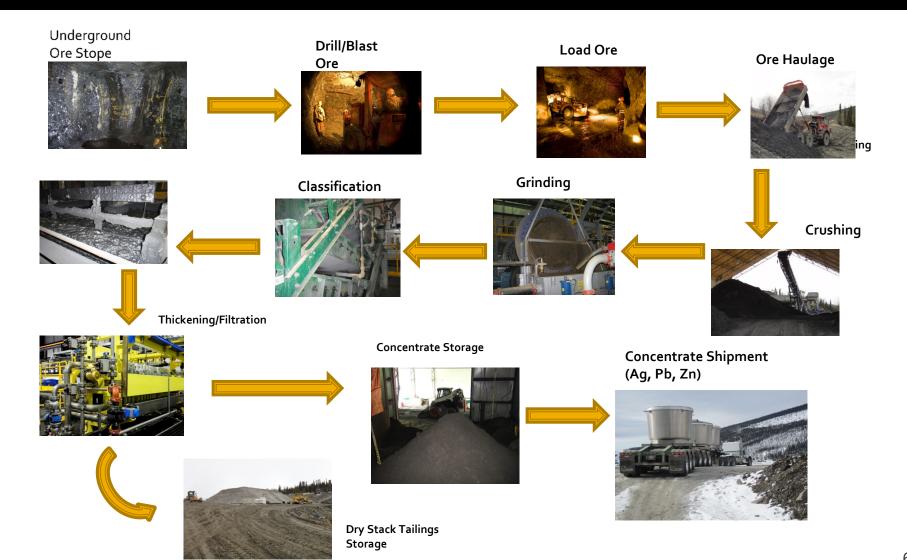
# Environmental Assessment and Permitting



- Testwork: humidity cells, metallurgical testing, historical tailings
- Dry Stack location (discontinuous permafrost)
- Environment Canada: MMER applies (seepage volume)
- FNNND DSTF Risk Assessment

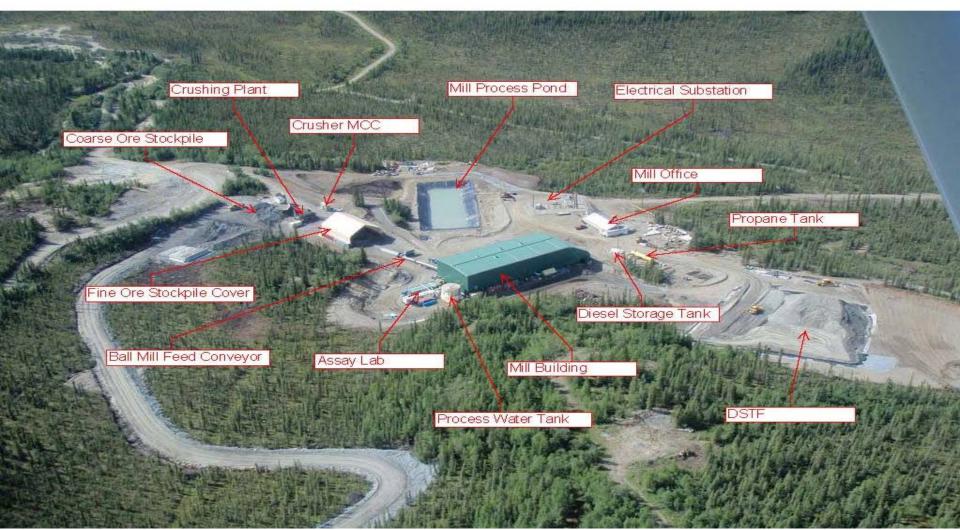
## **Mill Process Flowsheet**





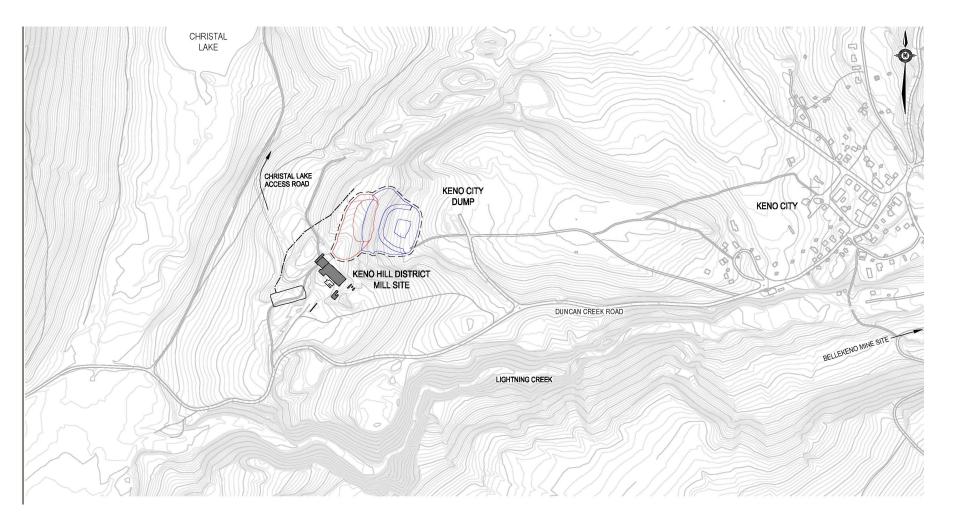
### **Mill Area Layout**



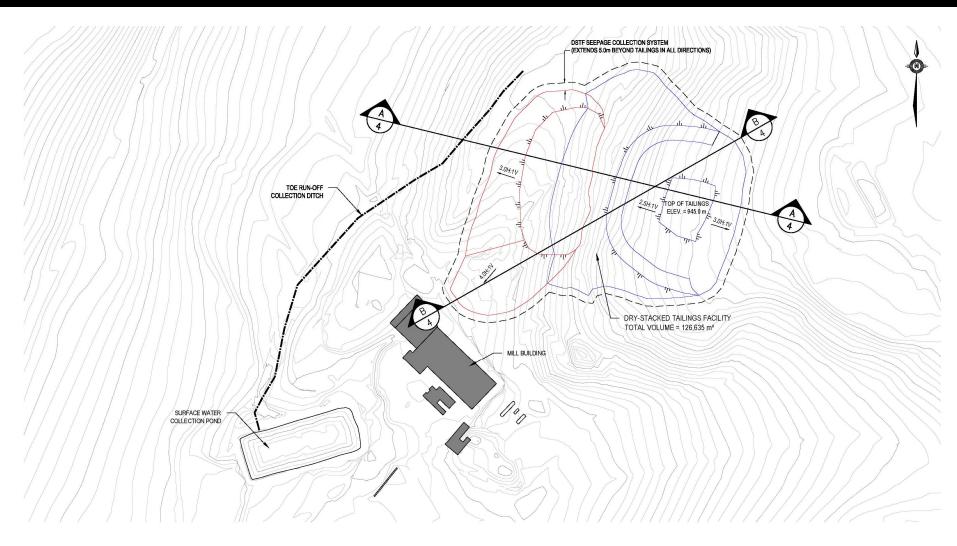


#### **DSTF Location**



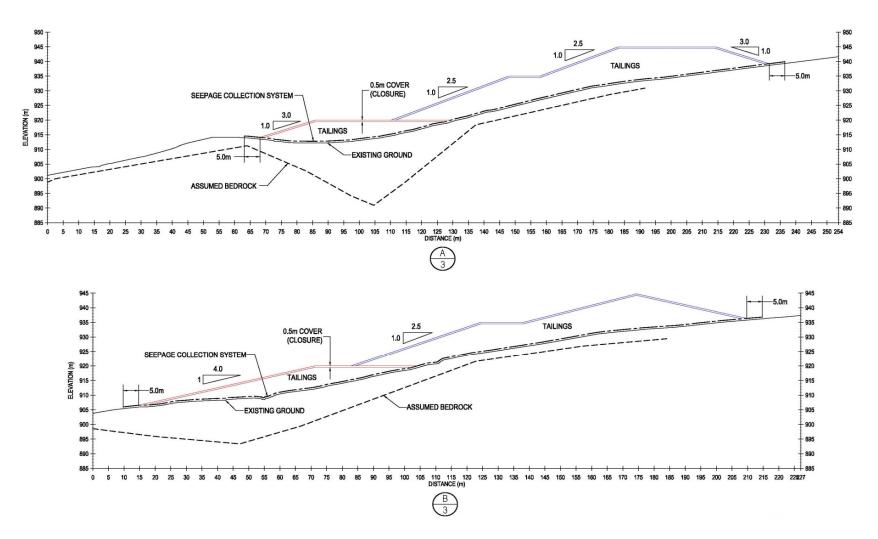






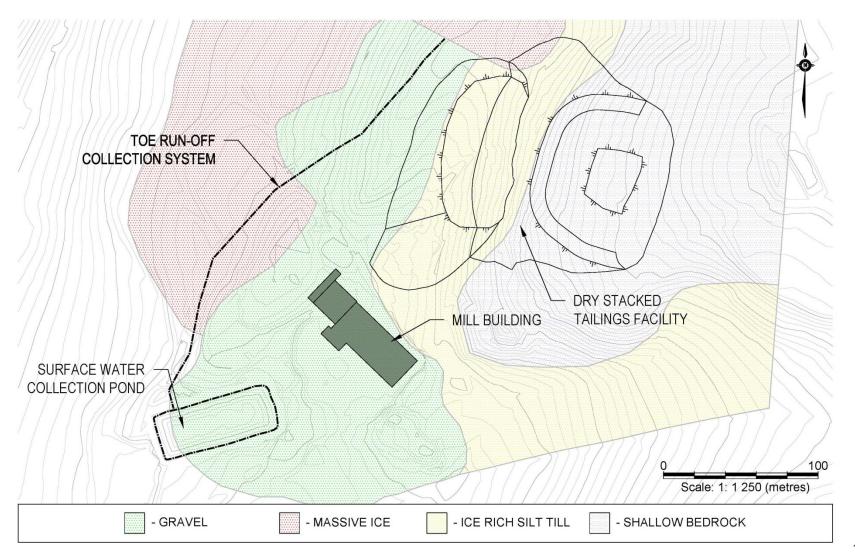
#### **DSTFX-Section**





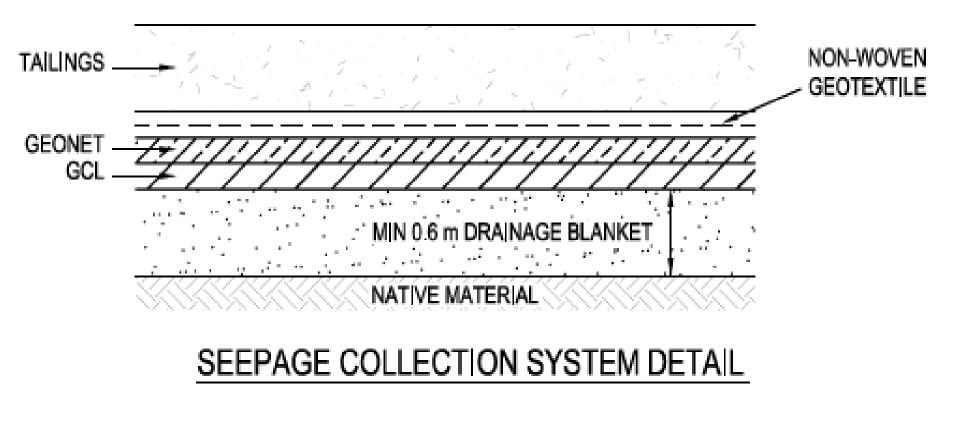
## **DSTF Subsurface Conditions**





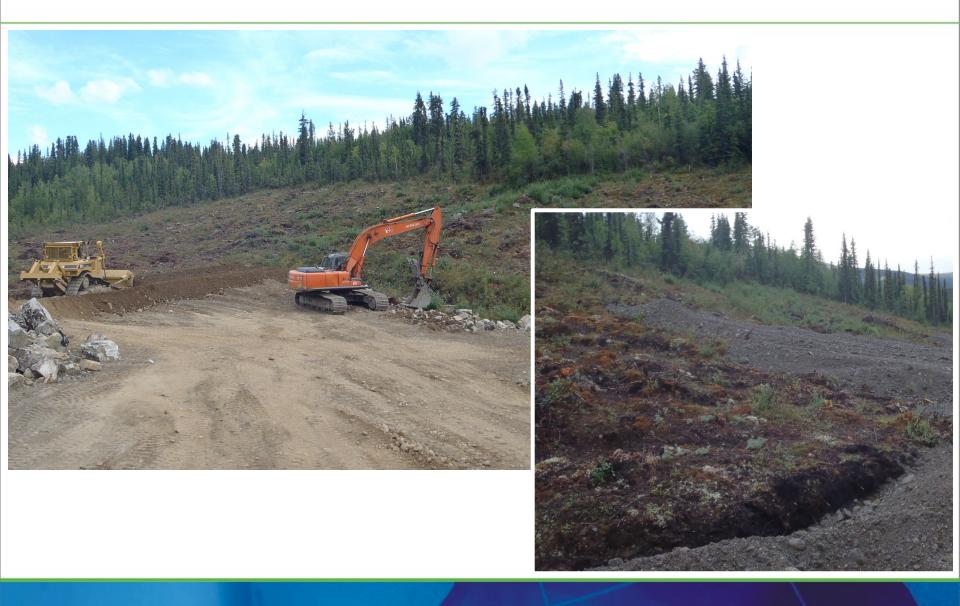
### **DSTF Drainage Design**





#### Construction





# **DSTF Drainage Design**





#### **Performance Monitoring**



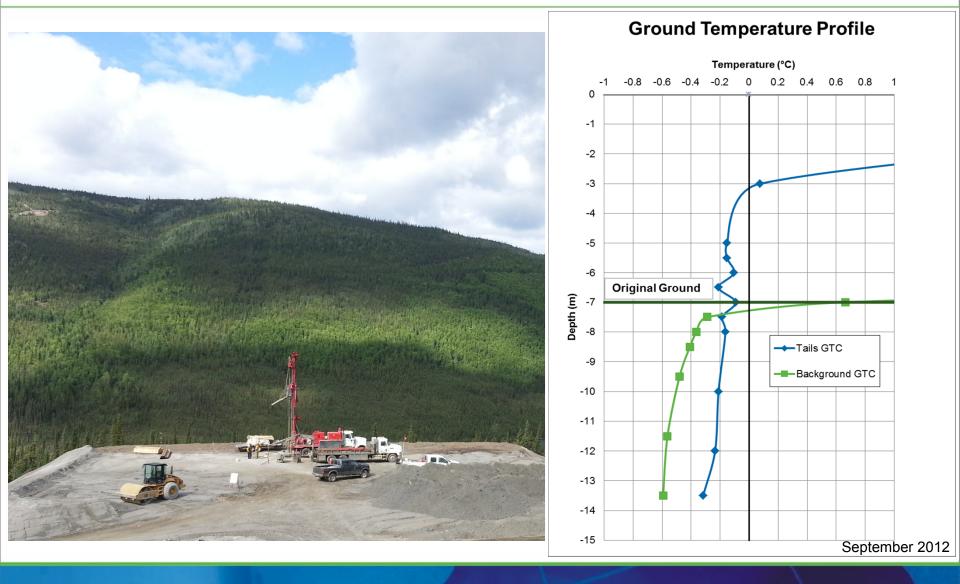
- Visual inspections
- Compaction testing
- Ground temperatures
- Slope indicators





#### **Dry Stack Update**

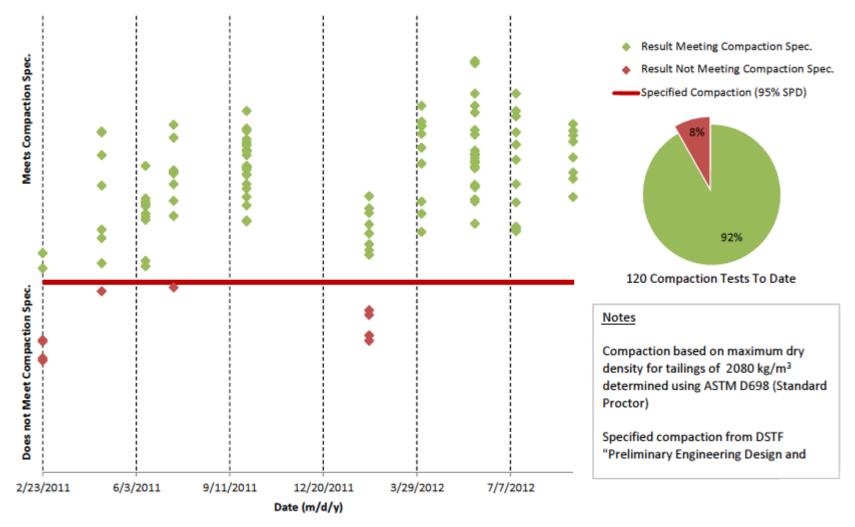




### **DSTF Performance - Compaction**

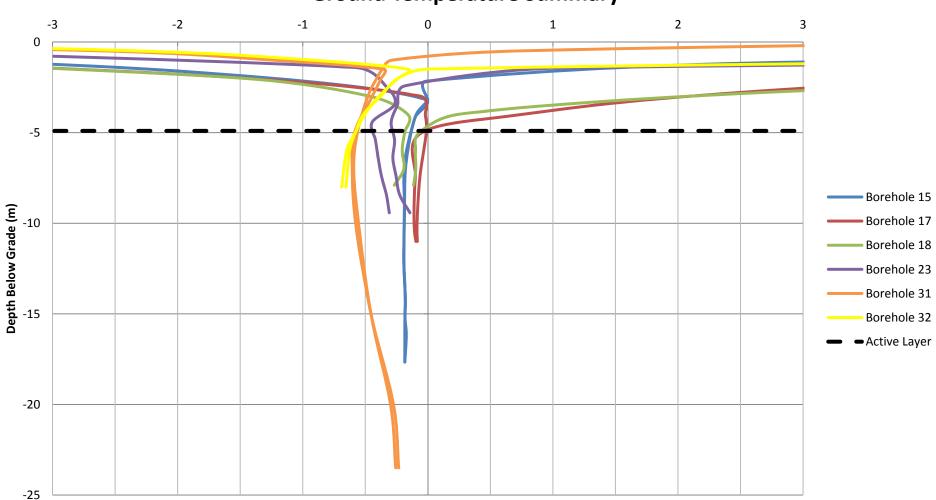


Summary of DSTF Compaction Results



#### **DSTF Performance - Temperature**



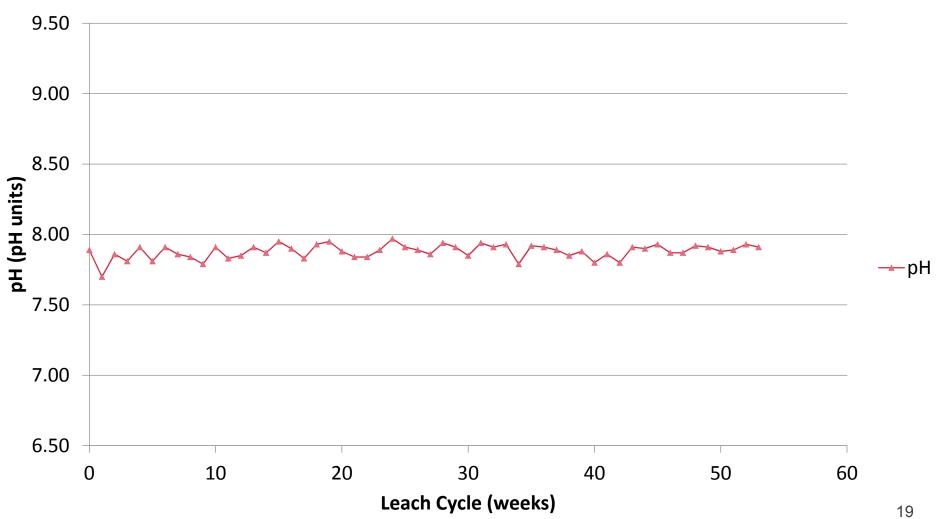


#### **Ground Temperature Summary**

**Ground Temperature (C)** 



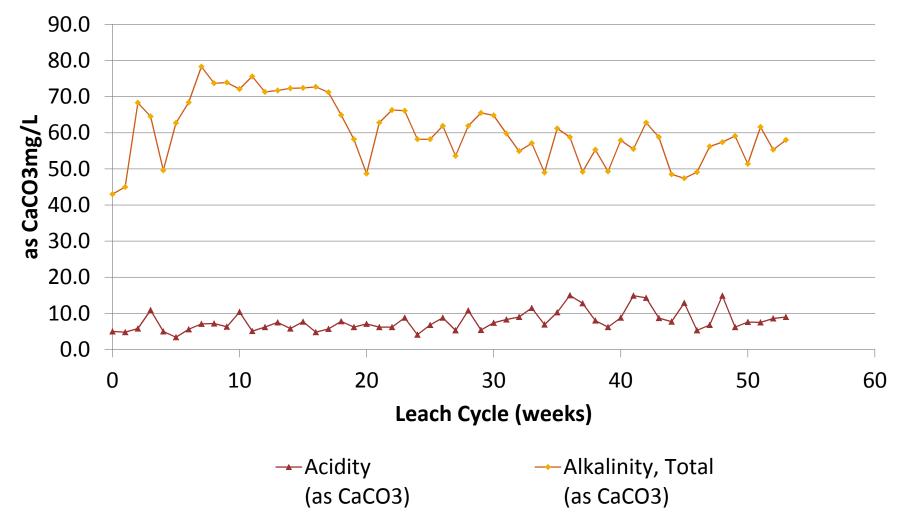
#### Humidity Cell Testing, pH





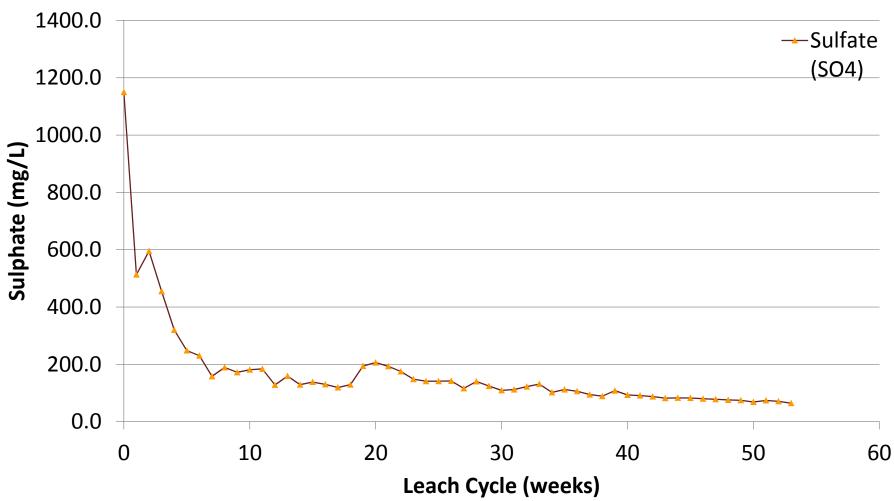
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#### Humidity Cell Testing, Acidity and Alkalinity



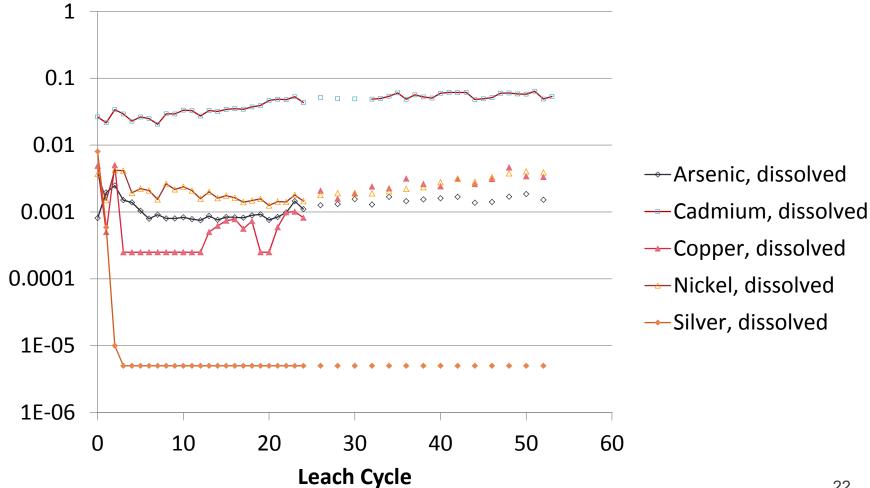


#### Humidity Cell Testing, Sulphate





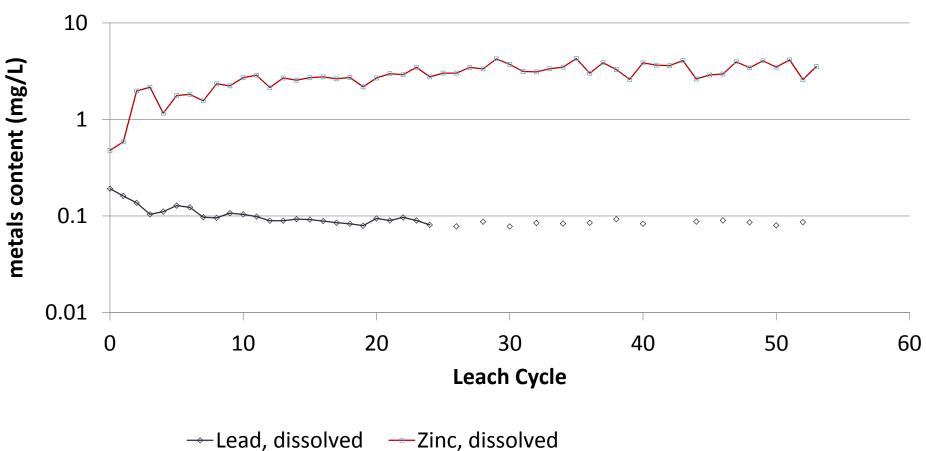
#### **Humidity Cell Testing, Dissolved Metals**







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# **DSTF Progressive Reclamation**





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## **Questions?**



