



The mill at the Faro Mine Complex as it looks today. (Photo: Yukon government/ Archbould Photography)

Closure Objectives

In 1998, all mining operations stopped at the Faro Mine Complex after the last owner, Anvil Range Mining Corporation, sought protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*. At that time, a court-appointed interim receiver assumed responsibility for the ongoing care and maintenance of the site.

In January 2003, the territorial and federal governments acknowledged that the Faro Mine Complex would not reopen. The two governments then entered into a joint agreement with the Ross River Dena Council (on behalf of the Kaska Nation) and Selkirk First Nation to work together on the development of a closure plan for the Faro Mine Complex.

The closure objectives guide the entire closure planning process. This process is designed to be open and transparent, and share information to support community understanding and involvement.

Who Created Closure Objectives for the Faro Mine Complex?

The Yukon government, federal government, Selkirk First Nation, and Ross River Dena Council (on behalf of the Kaska Nation) worked together to develop the closure objectives for the Faro Mine Complex.

What does "Closure" Mean?

"Closure" refers to the implementation of a plan designed to improve the condition of the site, thereby preventing and/or minimizing the risk to human health and the environment.

A closure and remediation plan for the Faro Mine Complex will involve major remediation works as well as active management of the site for the foreseeable future.

What are Closure Objectives?

A closure and remediation plan aims to achieve certain goals. These closure objectives define the desired results of a closure plan.



All mining operations stopped in 1998. (Photo: Yukon government/ Archbould Photography)

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CLOSURE OBJECTIVES FOR THE FARO MINE COMPLEX

1. Protect human health and safety.
2. Protect and, to the extent practicable, restore the environment including land, air, water, fish and wildlife.
3. Return the mine site to an acceptable state of use that reflects pre-mining land use where practicable.
4. Maximize local and Yukon socio-economic benefits.
5. Manage long-term site risk in a cost-effective manner.



During operations, trucks took ore to the mill for processing.
(Photos: Yukon government/ Archbould Photography)



Vangorda Pit after mining operations ceased. (Photos: Yukon government/ Archbould Photography)