



## News Release

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### Canada Invests in Climate Change Research for Abandoned and Orphaned Mines

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Natural Resources Canada

The Government of Canada recognizes that climate change has a significant impact on Canadians, which is why we continue to invest in climate adaptation and climate resilience research.

Paul Lefebvre, Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, today announced \$184,000 in support of a climate change project, which will lay the groundwork to rehabilitate Canada's abandoned and orphaned mines.

This project, led by the Mining Innovation Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO), will develop a comprehensive approach for evaluating rehabilitation plans for abandoned mines through a review of 15 to 20 sites in Ontario and the Northwest Territories, including an in-depth review of three. The ultimate goal of this project is to ensure that rehabilitation plans for today's abandoned mines will address the climate change risks of tomorrow, while protecting the health and safety of Canadians as we enhance our stewardship of the land around us.

Today's announcement supports the objectives of the Adaptation and Resilience pillar of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change by turning scientific information and traditional knowledge into action.

Funded through Natural Resources Canada's Climate Change Adaptation Program, the project supports the development of tools and knowledge needed to help Canadians, regions and economic sectors become more resilient to a changing climate.

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## Quotes

"Our government is supporting projects that help us expand our understanding of the impacts of climate change. With this knowledge, we can help ensure today's plans for abandoned and orphaned mine rehabilitation will reduce the climate-change risks of tomorrow."

*Paul Lefebvre*  
*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources*

## Related Information

- [Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptation](#)
- [Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change](#)

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