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MEET OUR NEW GENERAL MANAGER

New Gold is pleased to announce that Greg Bowkett has assumed the role of General Manager of the Rainy River Project. Greg has been with New Gold for over four years as the General Manager of the Peak Mines in Australia and has a strong background in mine operations. Greg is taking over operations management of the Rainy River Project at a critical time as the project moves from the final stages of construction into operations.

Prior to joining New Gold in August 2012, Greg held senior mine management roles with both Nyrstar Tennessee Mines in the United States and with Rosebery Mines in Australia. Since joining New Gold, Greg has built a successful track record of maintaining a safe and efficient working environment. Greg has developed strong working relationships with communities and other stakeholders; his commitment and demonstration of New Gold's values

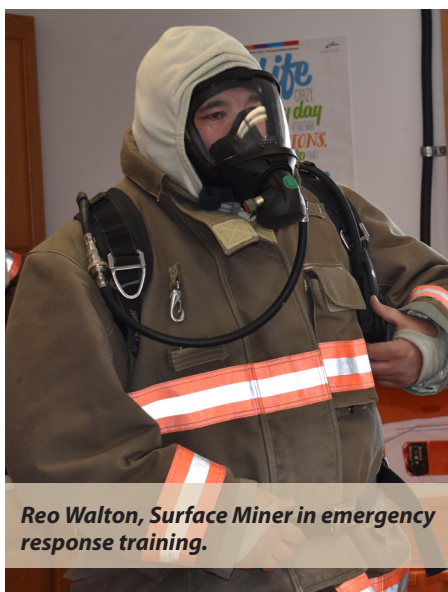


Greg Bowkett, General Manager

has resulted in strong teams that deliver on commitments.

On behalf of the entire New Gold team, we are excited to welcome Greg to the Rainy River Project. We look forward to working with him during the continued construction of the project and into the operation of the Rainy River Mine.

OUR VALUES IN ACTION



Reo Walton, Surface Miner in emergency response training.

New Gold is proud to have teams that are committed to a comprehensive health and safety program at the Rainy River site. The program covers everything from basic first aid and CPR, to emergency response systems, mine rescue and numerous other modules. This very successful program is delivered through classroom and hands-on training, coaching and mentorship programs, development of safe work practices and visible leadership activities. In other words, our health and safety program captures all of New Gold's values, including integrity, creativity, commitment, developing our employees and teamwork! As construction continues in 2017, our teams look forward to achieving health and safety milestones that the entire New Gold family can be proud of.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

World-wide New Gold operations maintain highly trained, well equipped emergency response teams (ERT). These teams have specialized skills in such areas as mine rescue, advanced first aid, vehicle extrication, firefighting, and chemical spills response.

In 2016, New Gold was excited to introduce the training for on-site emergency response teams to the Rainy River Project.




JOINING THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The emergency response team is made up of employees from every part of the Rainy River Project. This includes team members from mill processing, mine operations, maintenance, contractors, environmental, security, safety, and administration. Joining the team is voluntary and the team accepts applications from anyone that is interested and committed to the extensive training program.

At the date of publication, approximately 85 personnel have completed the New Gold basic ERT training program. Our goal is to train approximately 110 members.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM?

The emergency response team fulfills three functions for the New Gold Rainy River Project.

-  To provide a capacity to respond to emergencies on the site. The Rainy River Project site is located more than 30 minutes away from any hospital or local emergency services. Early intervention in any emergency will improve the outcome of the circumstance and increase the likelihood of a successful mitigation. Due to this reality, our primary function is to act in a timely, efficient and safe manner to address emergencies on the site.
-  To develop our team members while ensuring their growth contributes value to the overall organization and the greater community. This engagement will provide training to team members well beyond basic job performance. This allows individual team members to bring value added skills to their homes and the communities where they live. Some of the attendees from the New Gold Basic ERT program have joined their local fire services to increase their value to their communities.
-  Preparing for the future of the Rainy River site is our final goal. When the decision is made to develop the site further (underground mine), an underground rescue team becomes a regulatory requirement. Having a well-developed ERT program that can merge with the underground component will allow a seamless transition.



Raylene Smith, Monique Gall and Hannah Marcotte inside of the fire truck.



TRAINING PROGRAMS

All members of the emergency response team are required to attend the basic ERT program. This program includes an introduction to the risk that they may be asked to respond to as a member of the emergency response team.



The training program has many components including;

- respiratory protection
- use of hazard specific personal protective clothing
- use of the fire truck and basic pumping operation
- ladder techniques
- basic fire response
- basic patient packaging

- specialized rescue responses for vehicle extrication
- high angle and confined space rescue
- an introduction to spill response and hazardous materials.

As comprehensive as this program appears, it is also supplemented with weekly training sessions and additional specialty modules that will support the further development of team members.

UNDERSTANDING HAZARDS

Given the nature and scope of the New Gold Rainy River Project, an all hazard approach must be anticipated when planning for emergency response. As always, prevention and education are a priority however, planning and preparing for possible outcomes is a necessary part of our responsibility. Some of the hazards that we specifically train for include:

- Medical responses
- Spills or interaction with a variety of dangerous goods
- Fire conditions ranging from alarms, vehicle and equipment fires, to wild land fires, and from incipient fires to large industrial fires
- Vehicle/Equipment Extrication
- Confined Space Rescue



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Sheldon Jibb, operating the fire truck during training

SAFETY SHARE - DISTRACTED DRIVING

The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) compiled statistics from various sources about distracted driving and published them on their website (www.caa.ca). While these facts are interesting and surprising, the real message for drivers is to pay attention while you're driving. Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the steering wheel!



Drivers who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash or near crash event compared with non-distracted drivers.



Driver distraction is a factor in about 4 million motor vehicle crashes in North America each year.



Economic losses caused by traffic collision-related health care costs and lost productivity are at least \$10 billion annually. That's about 1% of Canada's Gross Domestic Product!

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