

APPENDIX II

SUMMARY RESULTS OF AIR QUALITY MODELLING

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II.1 INTRODUCTION

This appendix summarizes all air quality dispersion modelling results for the updated Air Quality Assessment for the proposed Gahcho Kué Project (Project).

II.2 REGIONAL PREDICTIONS FOR YEAR 1, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 8 EMISSION SCENARIOS

The tables and figures in this section summarize the predicted concentrations for the proposed Project in operational Years 1, 5, and 8, respectively, and for the updated Application Case. The maximum predicted concentrations of these three years, for SO₂, NO₂, CO, PM_{2.5}, and TSP are presented.

Table II.2-1 SO₂ Predictions - Comparison of the Updated Application Case

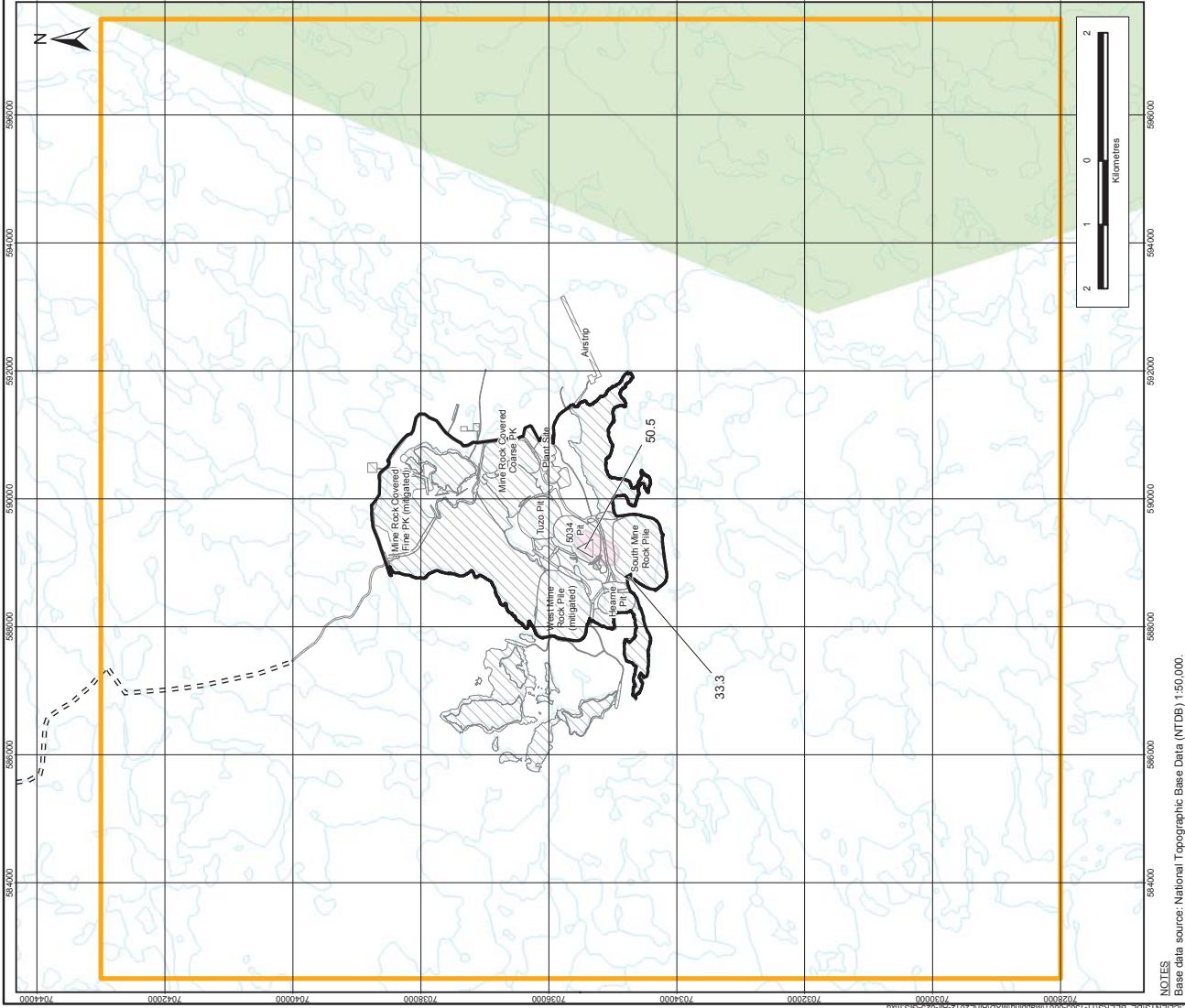
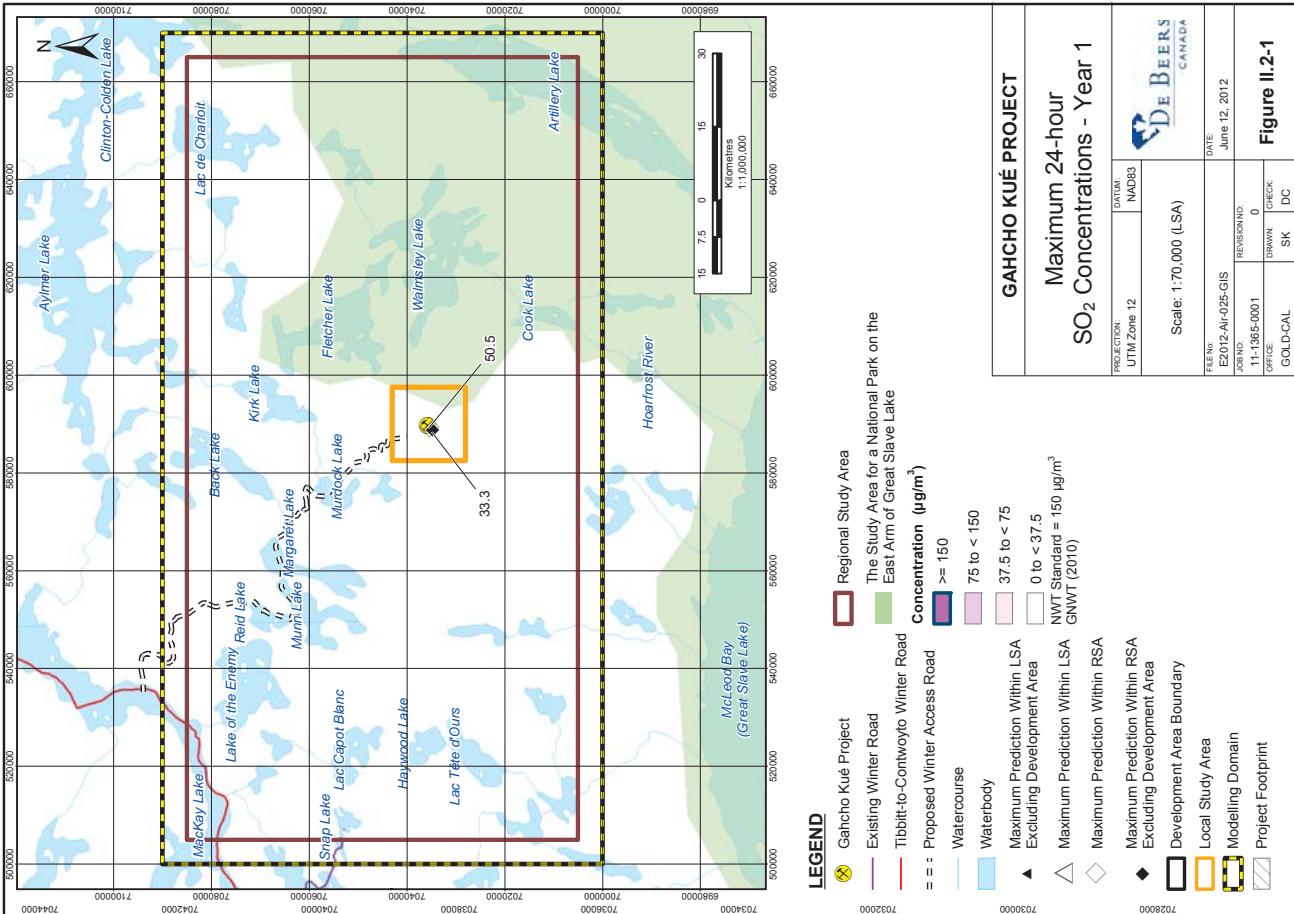
Study Area	Averaging Period	Maximum Predicted Concentrations [µg/m ³]			
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 8	Application Case
LSA	1-hour ^(a)	Overall	69.1	35.8	61.9
		Excluding Development Area	43.4	35.8	38.4
	24-hour ^(b)	Overall	50.5	29.6	39.1
		Excluding Development Area	33.3	29.6	21.8
	Annual ^(c)	Overall	7.4	5.5	7.4
		Excluding Development Area	3.7	4.8	3.2
RSA	1-hour ^(a)	Overall	69.1	35.8	61.9
		Excluding Development Area	43.4	35.8	38.4
	24-hour ^(b)	Overall	50.5	29.6	39.1
		Excluding Development Area	33.3	29.6	21.8
	Annual ^(c)	Overall	7.4	5.5	7.4
		Excluding Development Area	3.7	4.8	3.2

^(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour SO₂ is 450 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

^(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 24-hour SO₂ is 150 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

^(c) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for annual SO₂ is 30 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area; SO₂ = sulphur dioxide gas; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.



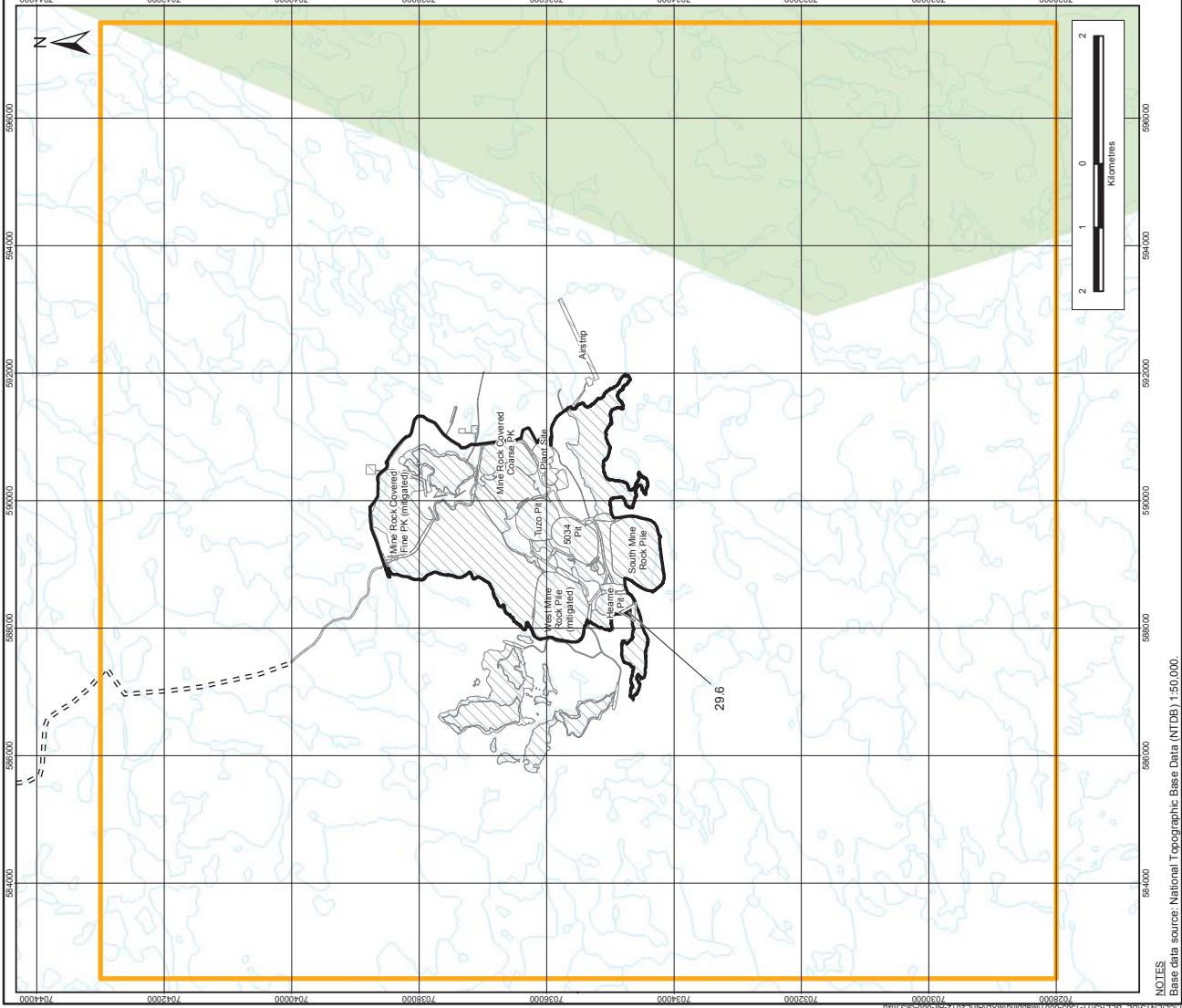
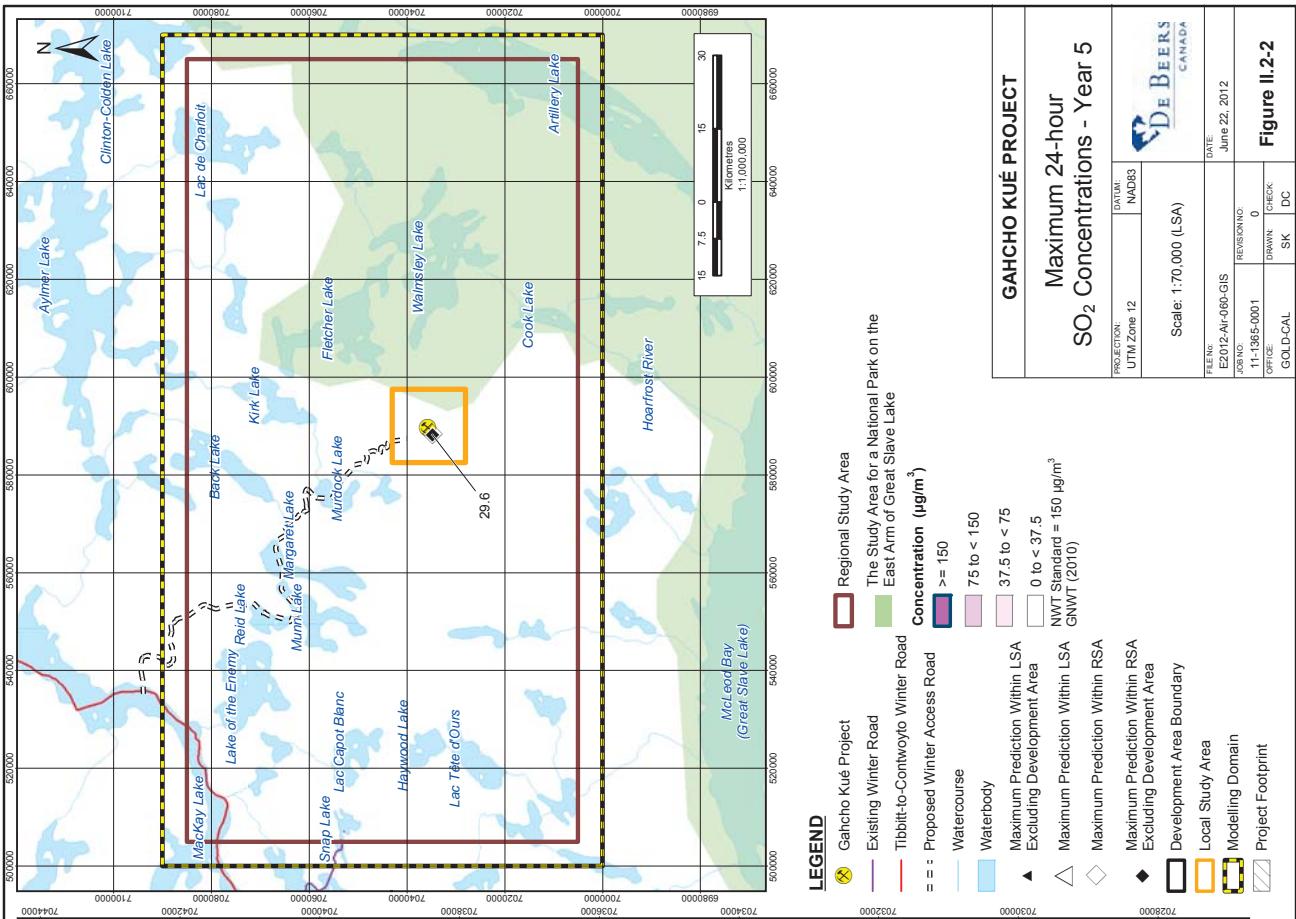


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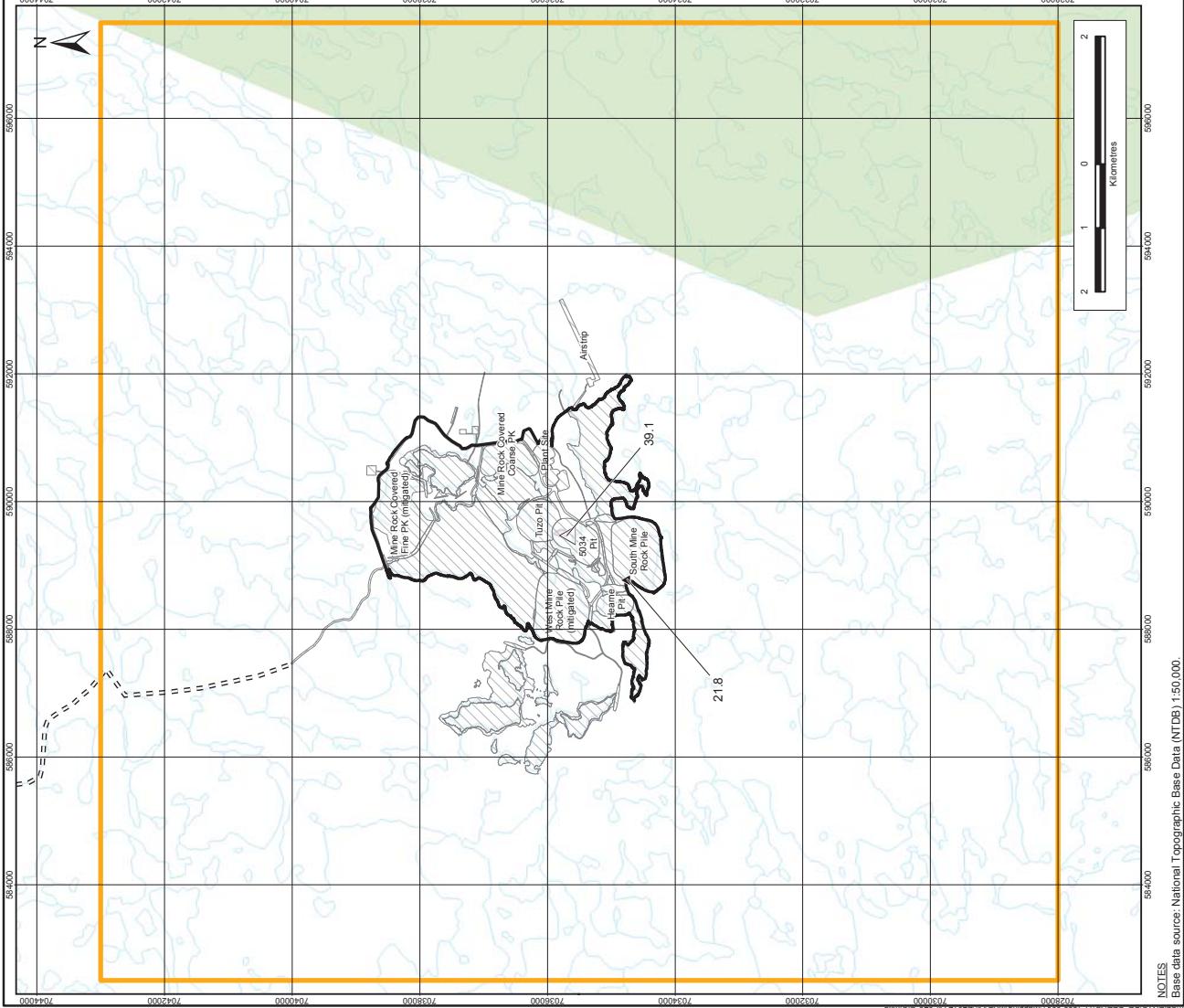
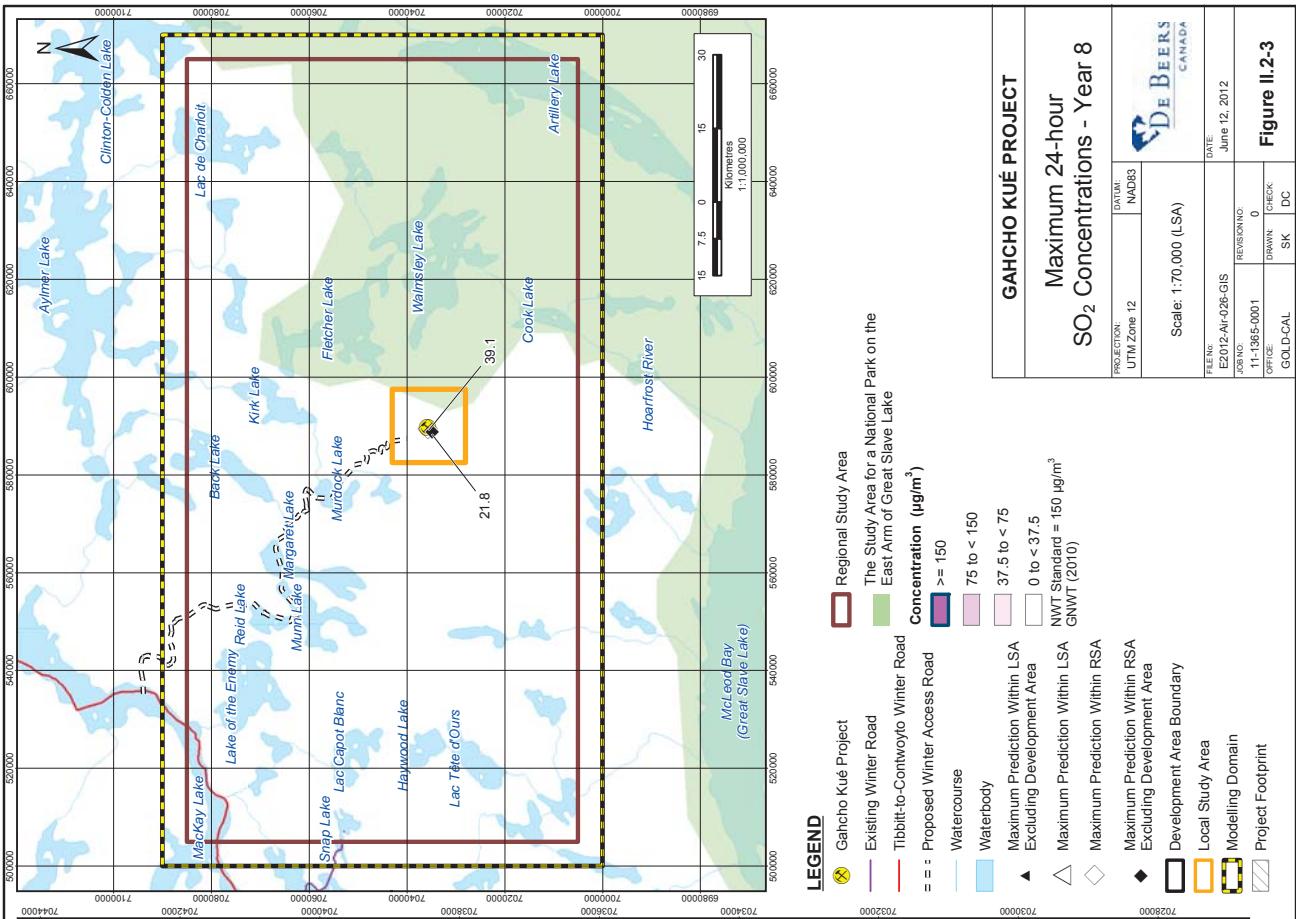


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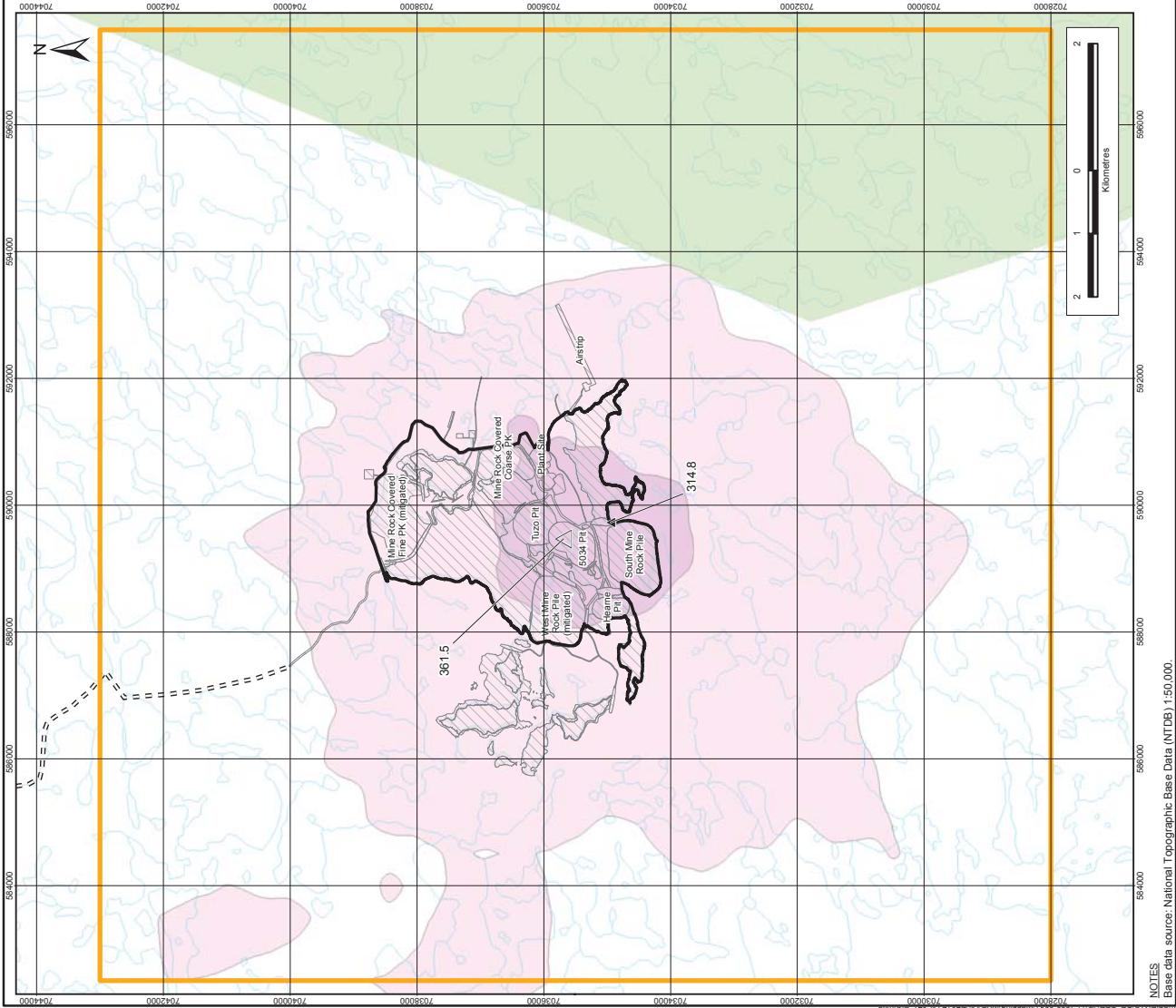
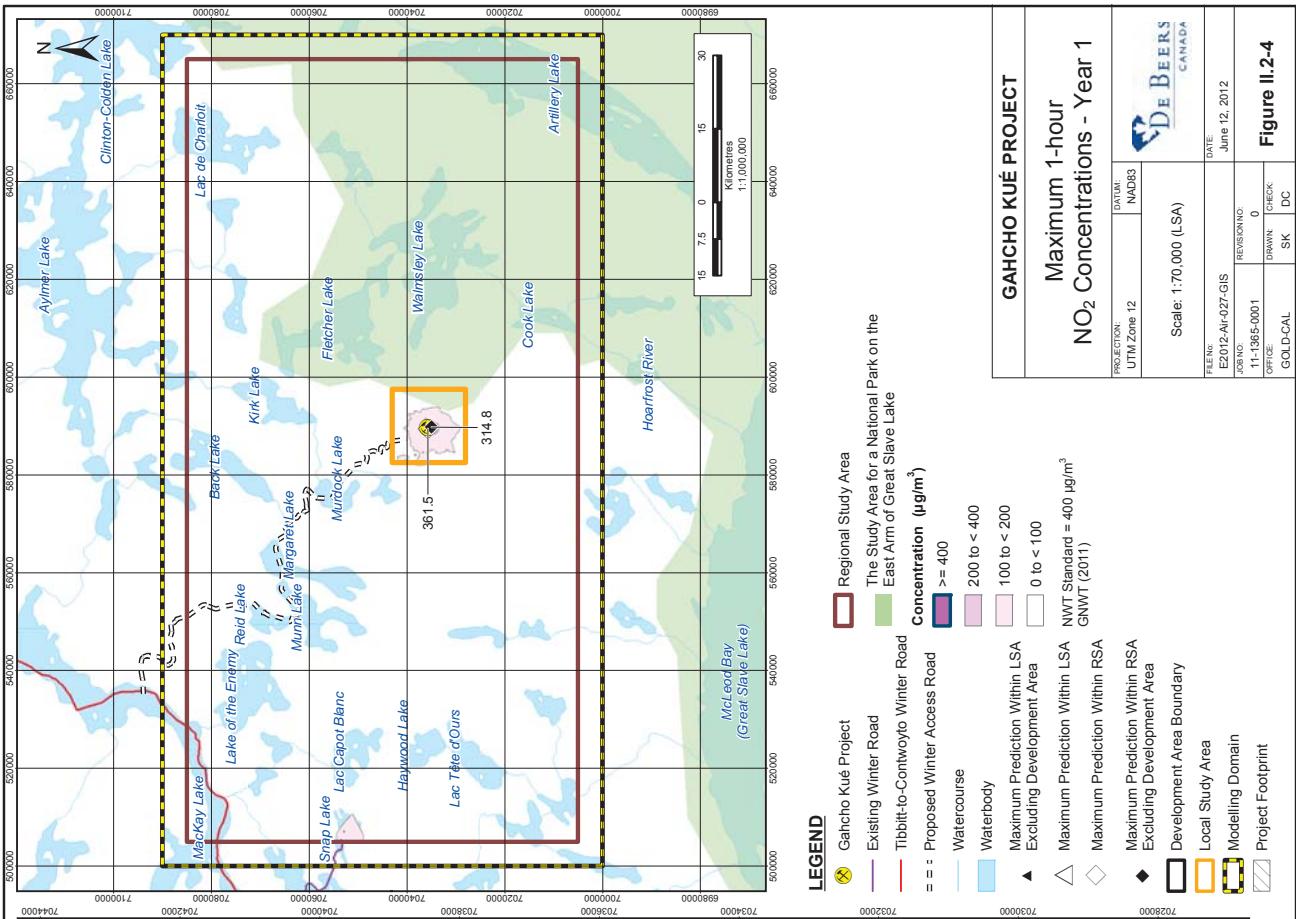
Study Area	Averaging Period	Maximum Predicted Concentrations [µg/m ³]				
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 8	Application Case	
LSA	1-hour ^(a)	Overall	361.5	288.9	358.4	361.5
		Excluding Development Area	314.8	262.9	249.8	314.8
	24-hour ^(b)	Overall	268.5	258.8	258.8	268.5
		Excluding Development Area	207.6	224.4	180.5	224.4
	Annual ^(c)	Overall	70.5	65.2	72.1	72.1
		Excluding Development Area	62.1	58.9	56.7	62.1
RSA	1-hour ^(a)	Overall	361.5	288.9	358.4	361.5
		Excluding Development Area	314.8	262.9	249.8	314.8
	24-hour ^(b)	Overall	268.5	258.8	258.8	268.5
		Excluding Development Area	207.6	224.4	180.5	224.4
	Annual ^(c)	Overall	70.5	65.2	72.1	72.1
		Excluding Development Area	62.1	58.9	56.7	62.1

(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour NO₂ is 400 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 24-hour NO₂ is 200 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(c) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for annual NO₂ is 60 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area; NO₂ = nitrogen dioxide; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.



GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT
Maximum 1-hour
CO₂ Concentrations - Year 1

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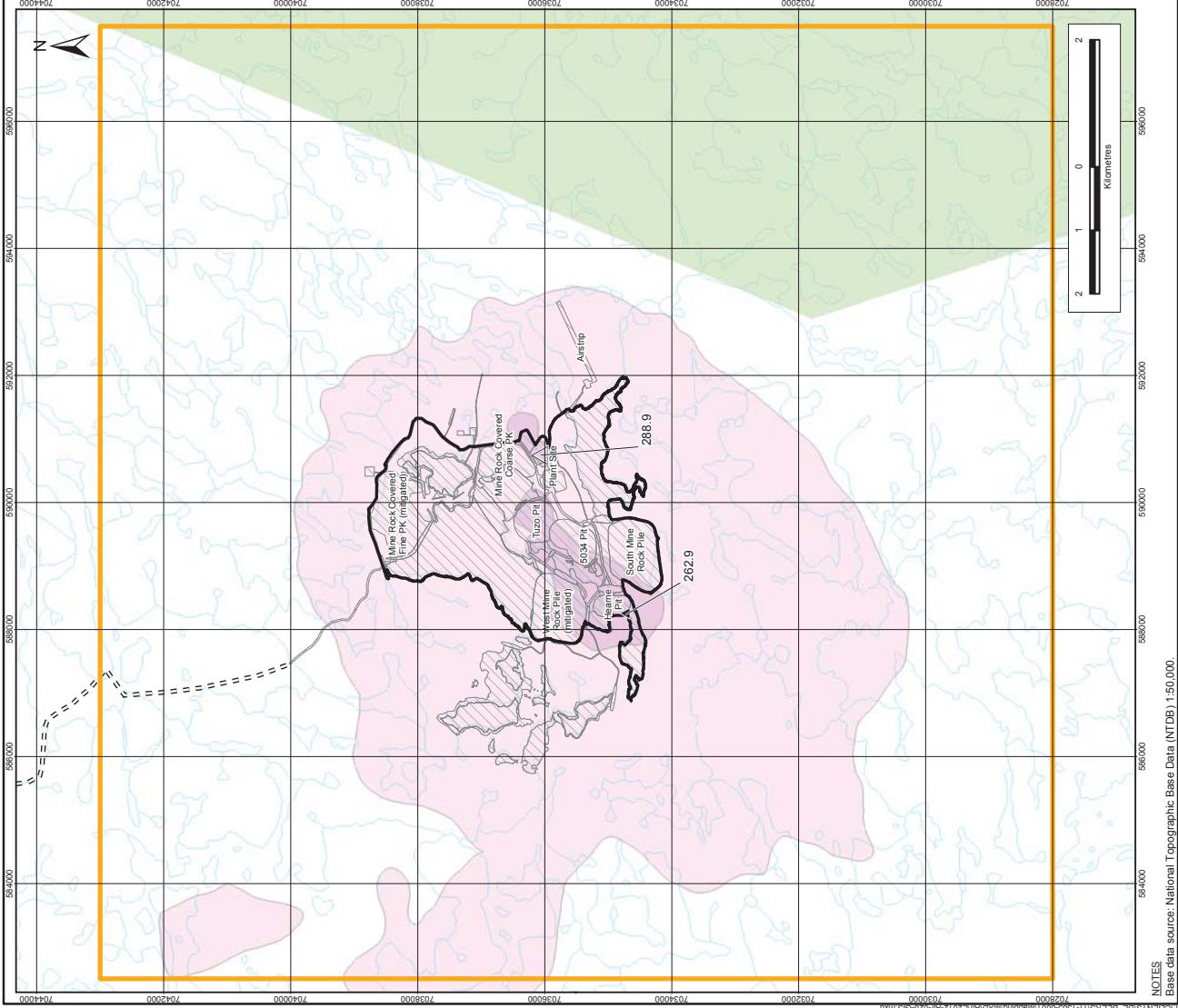
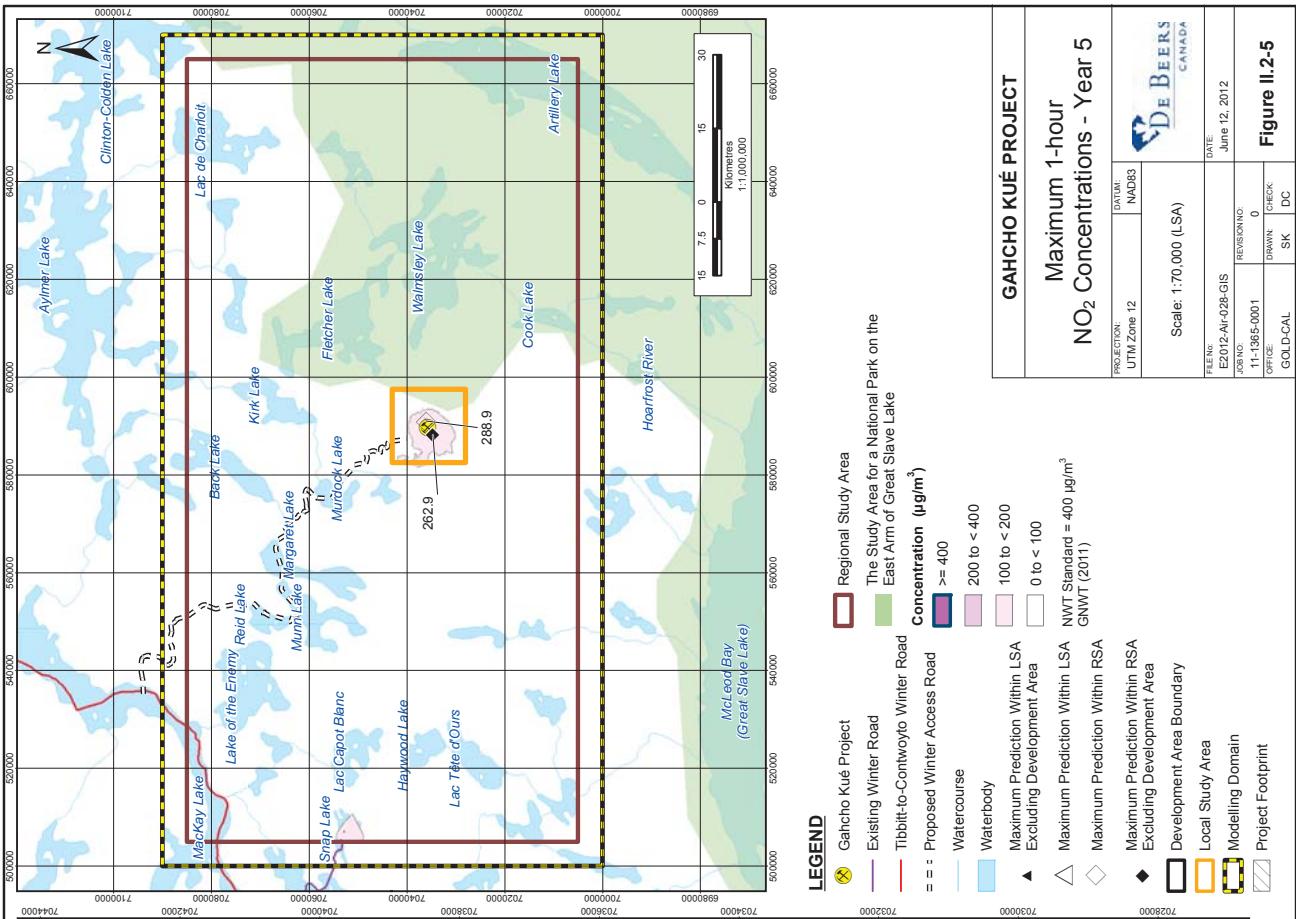
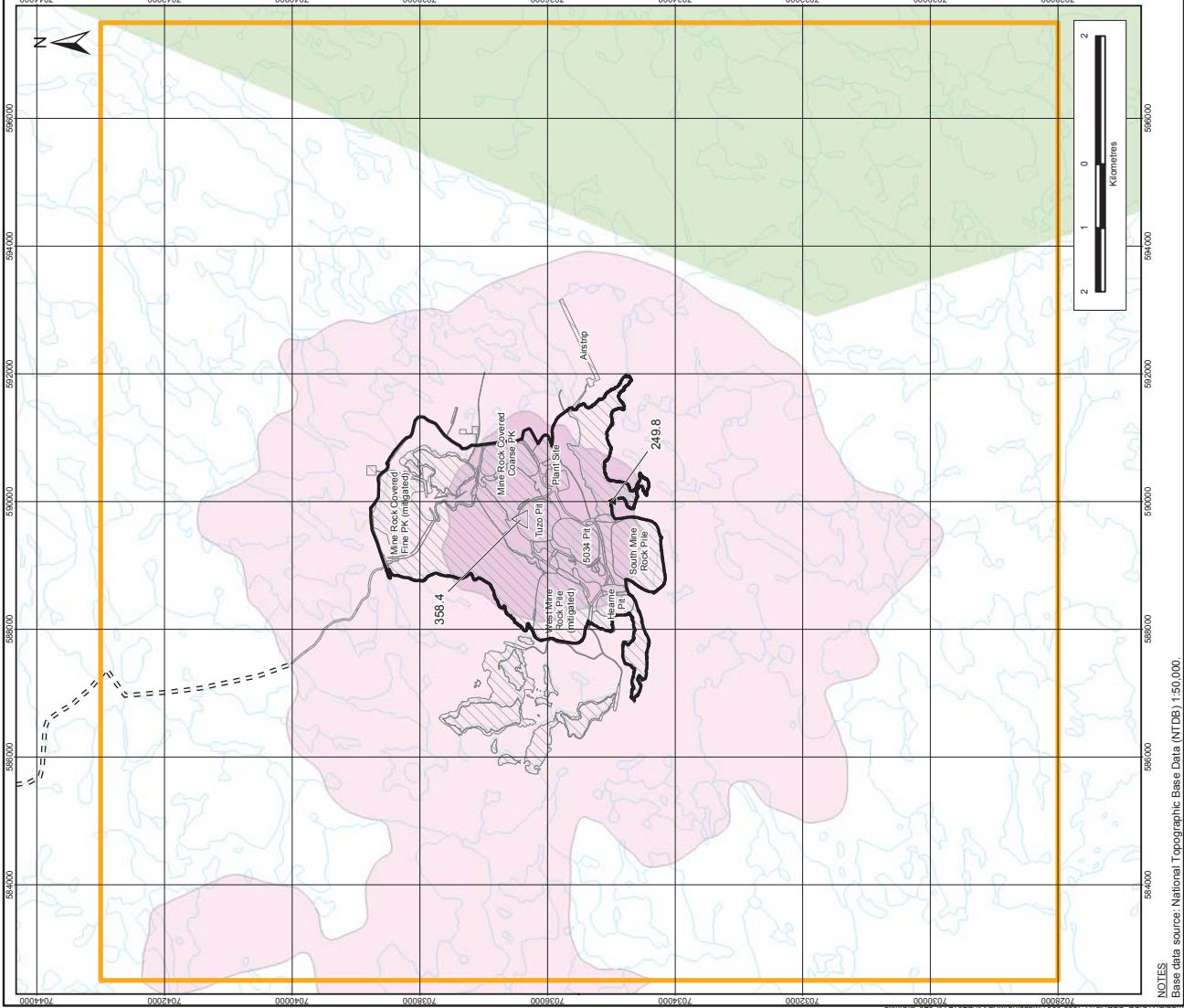
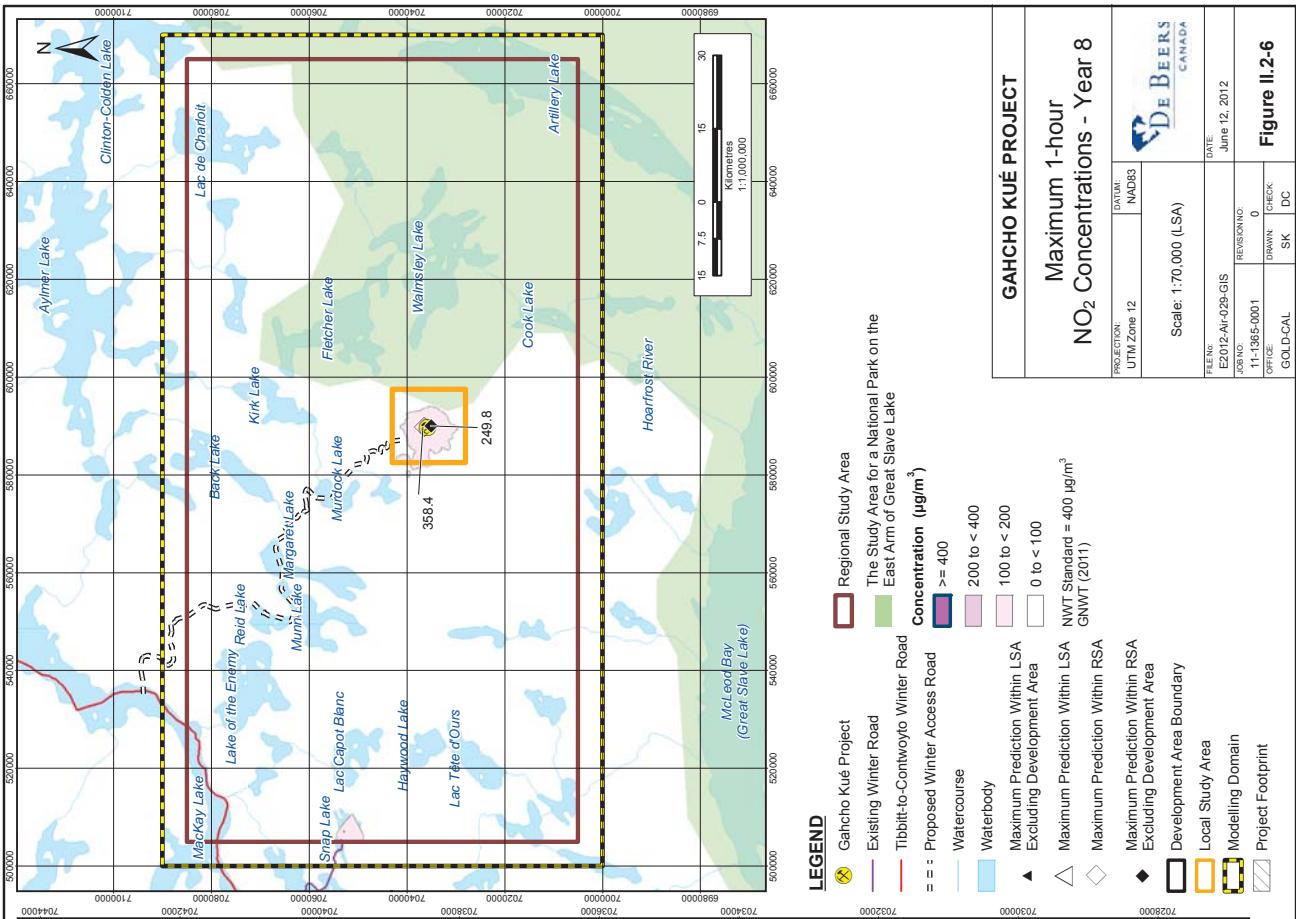


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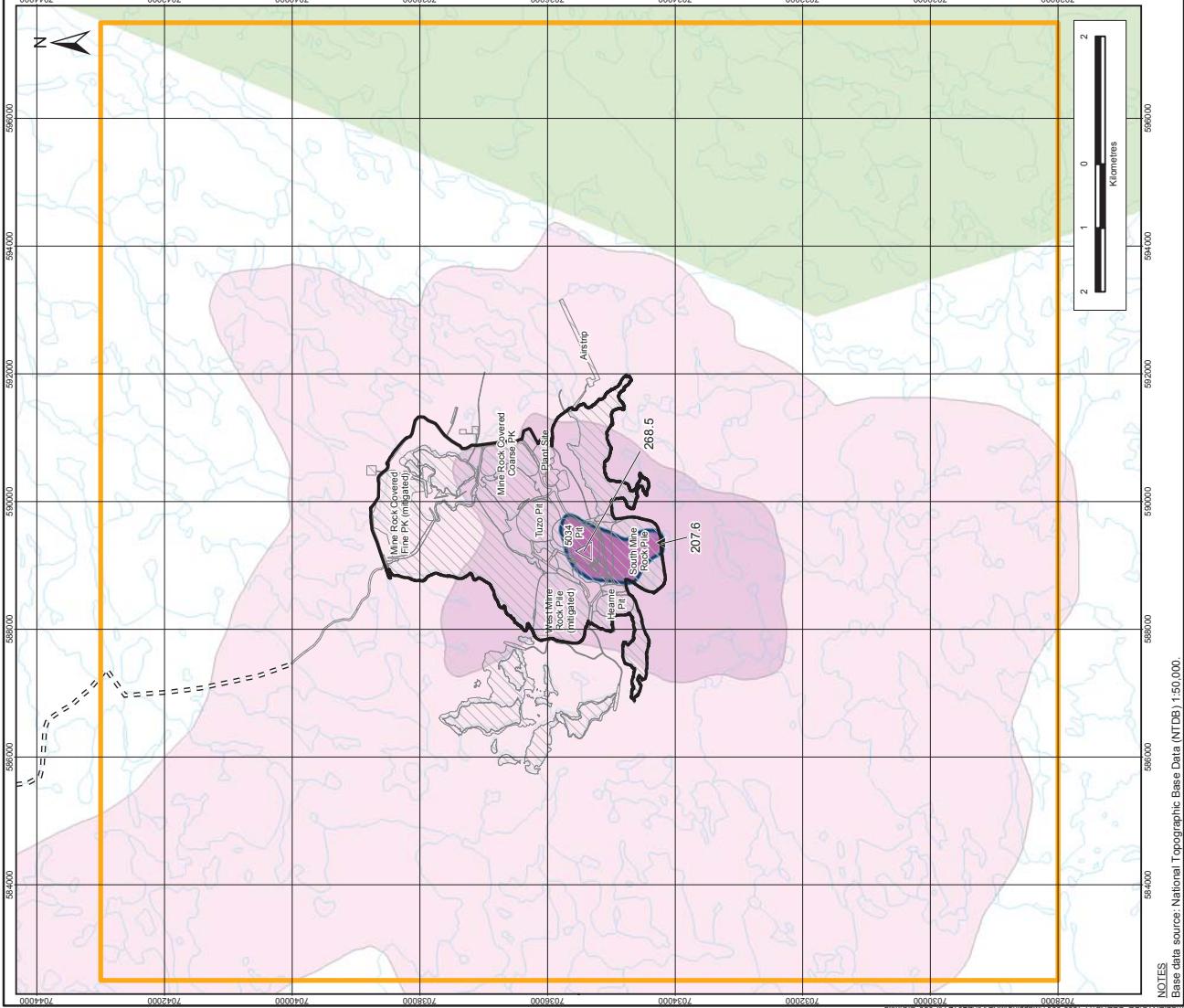
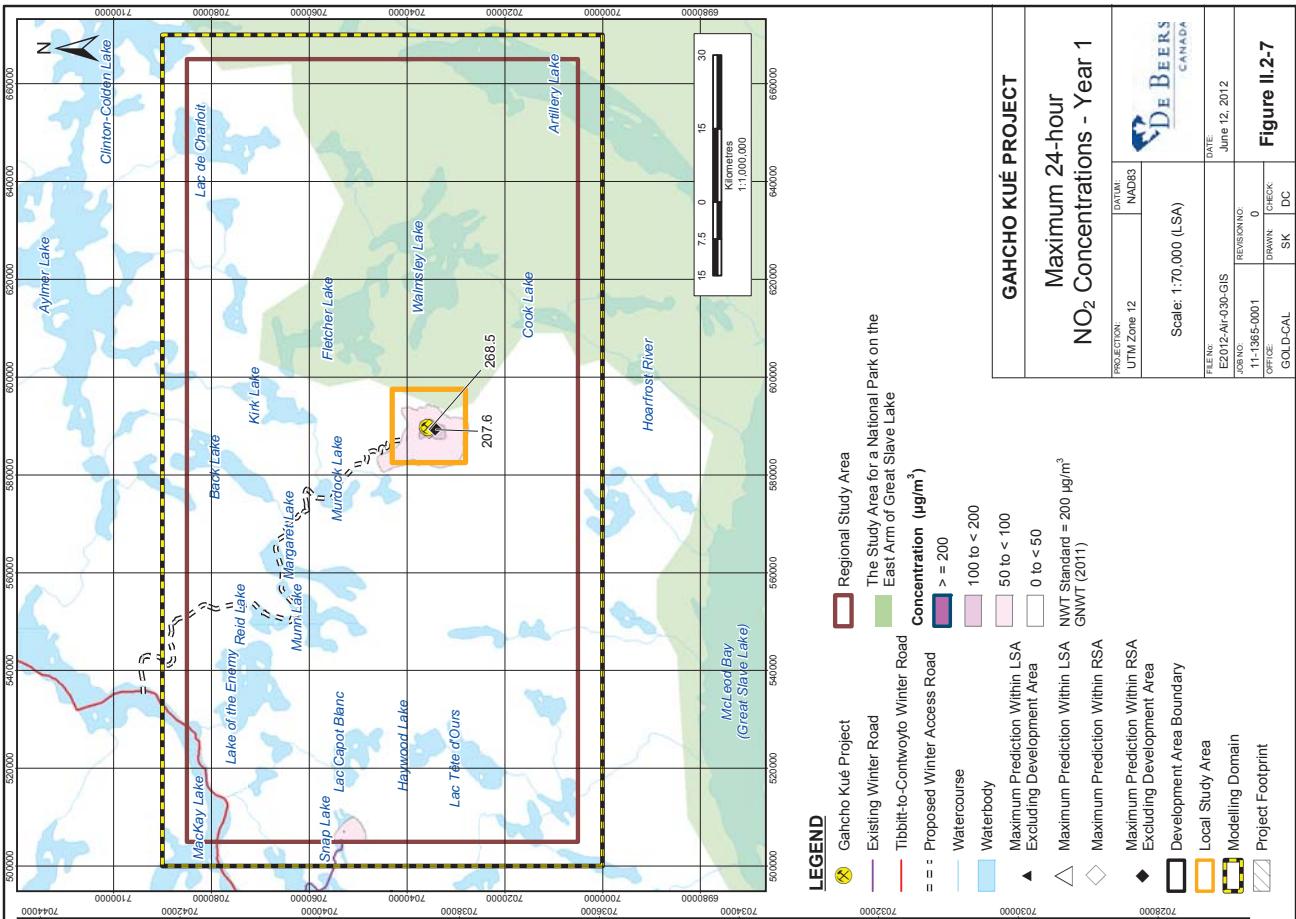
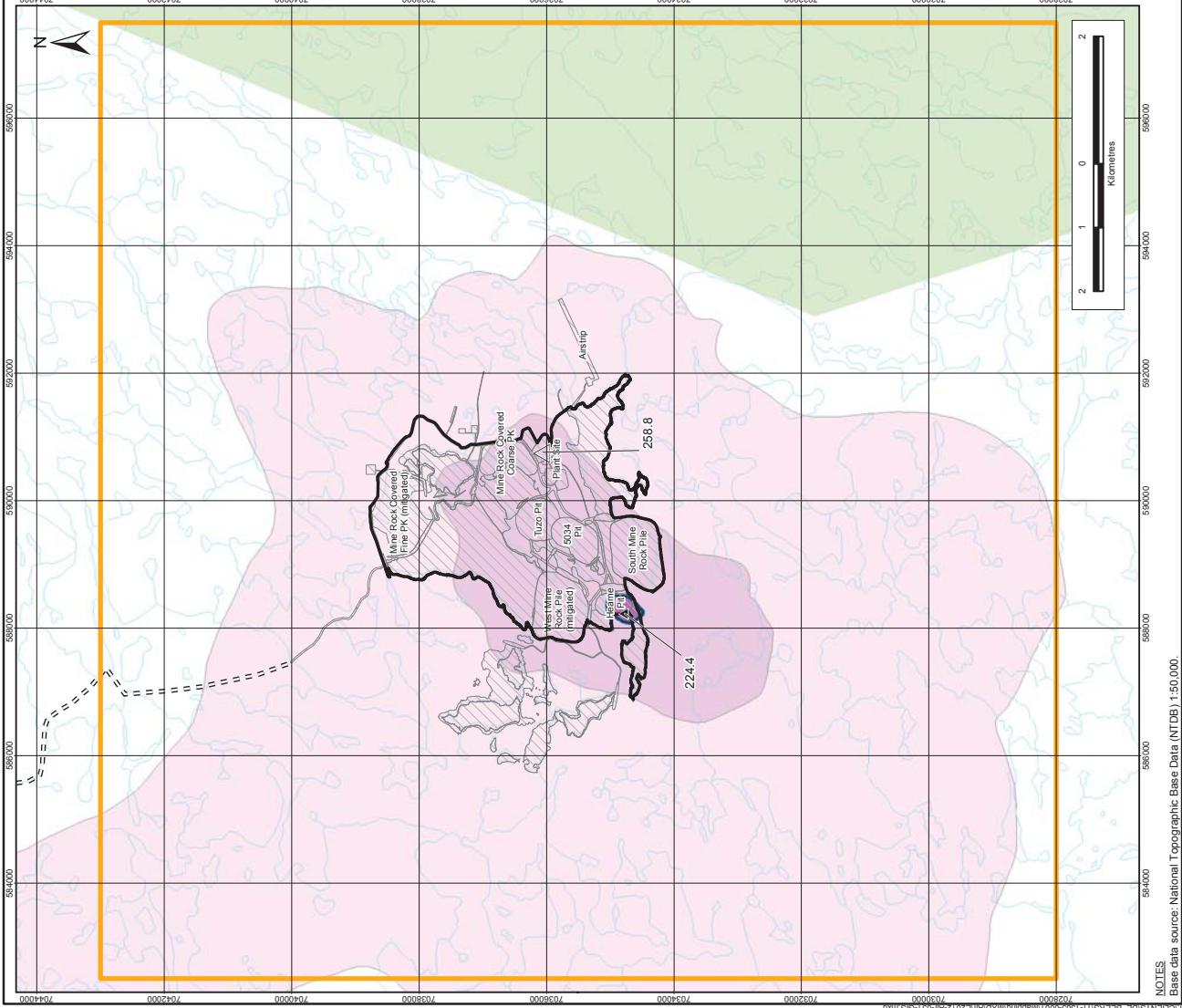
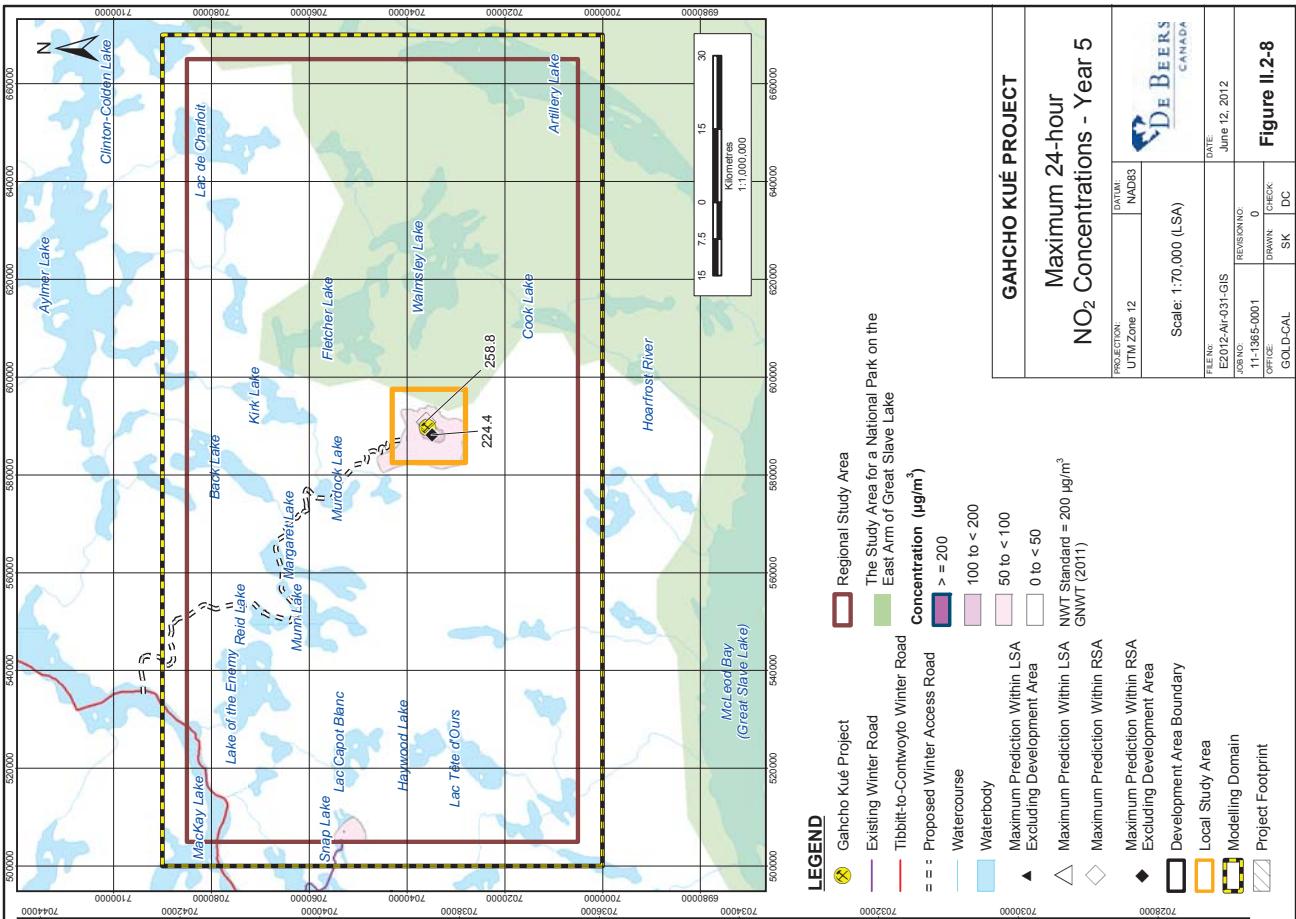
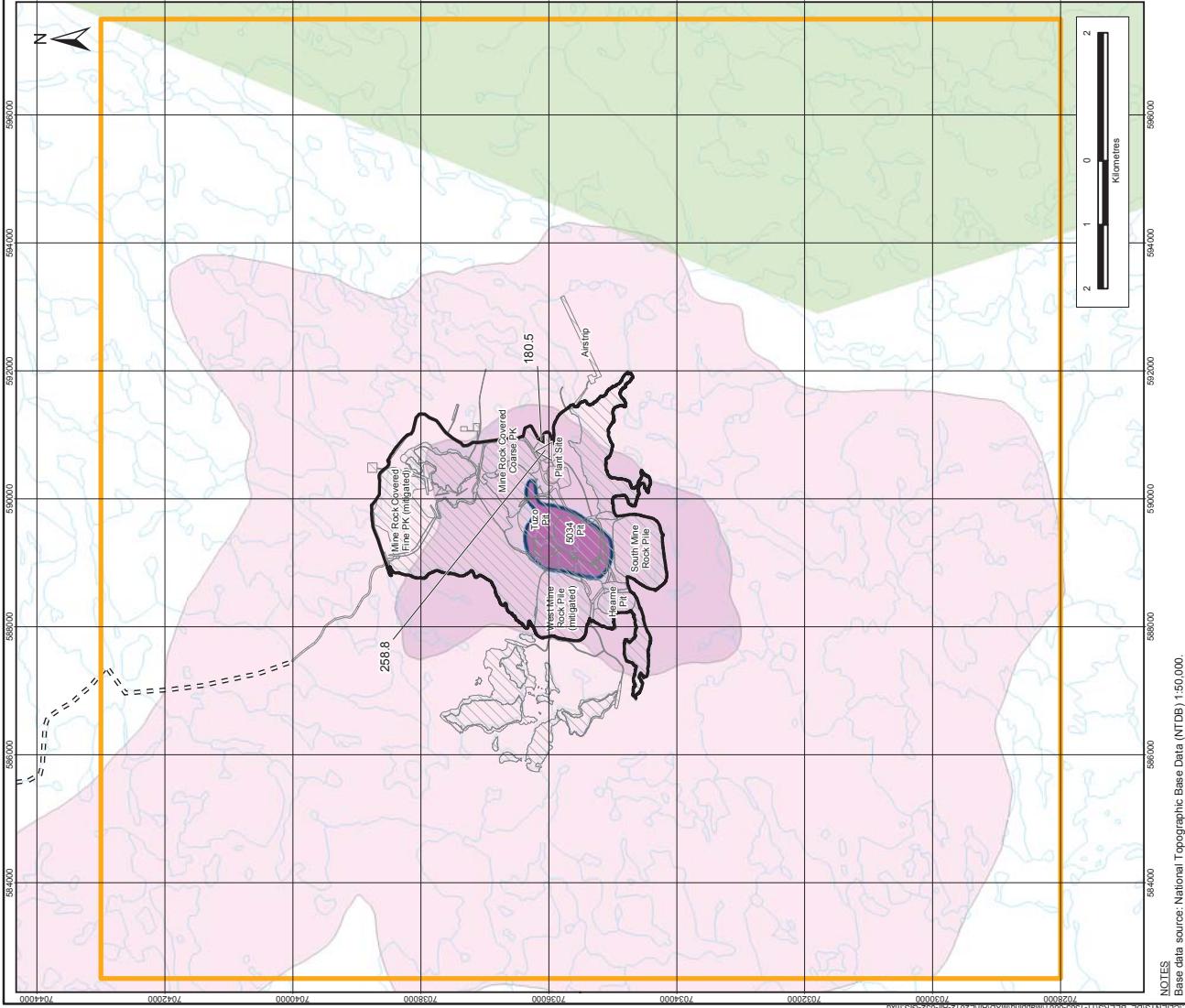
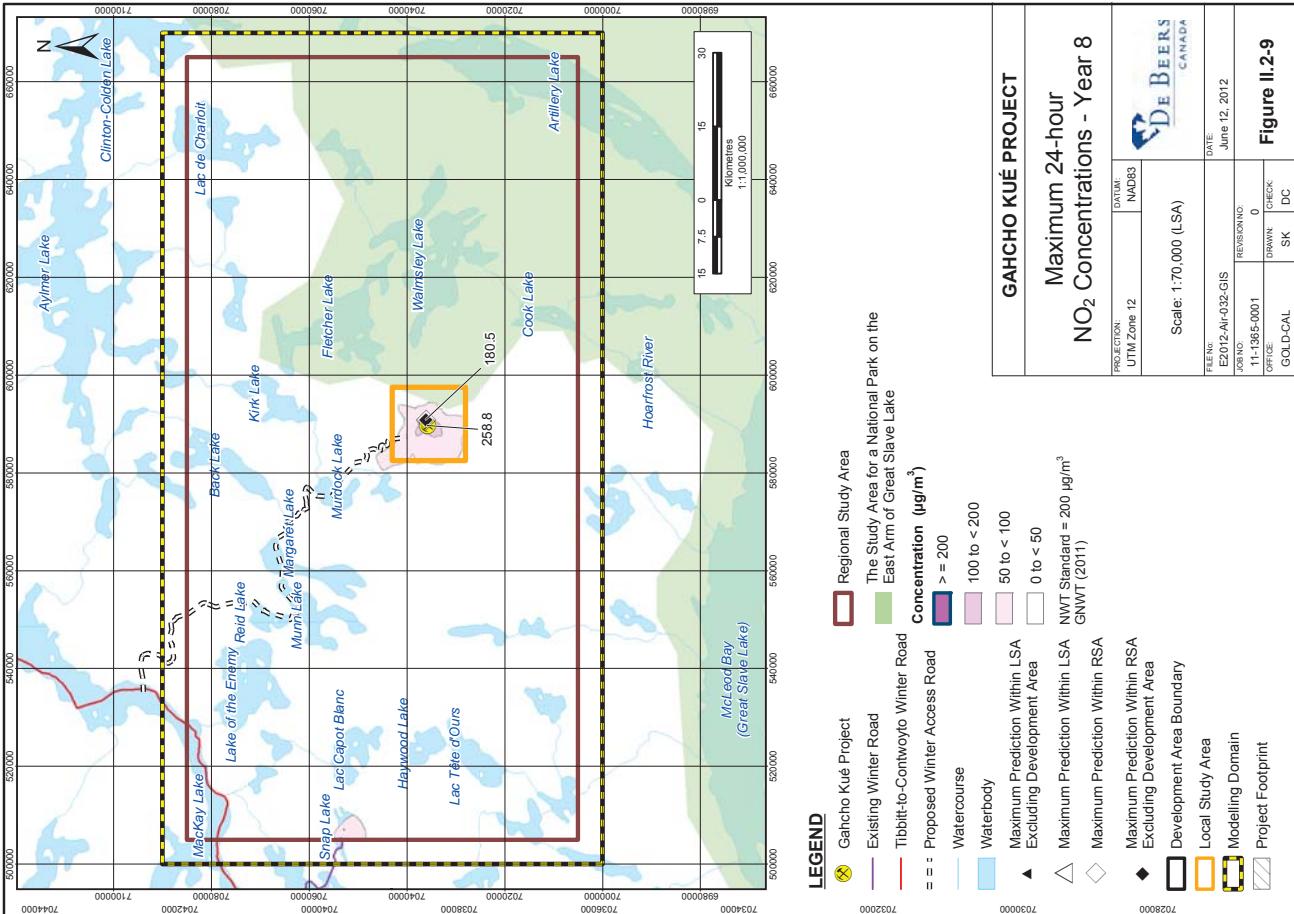


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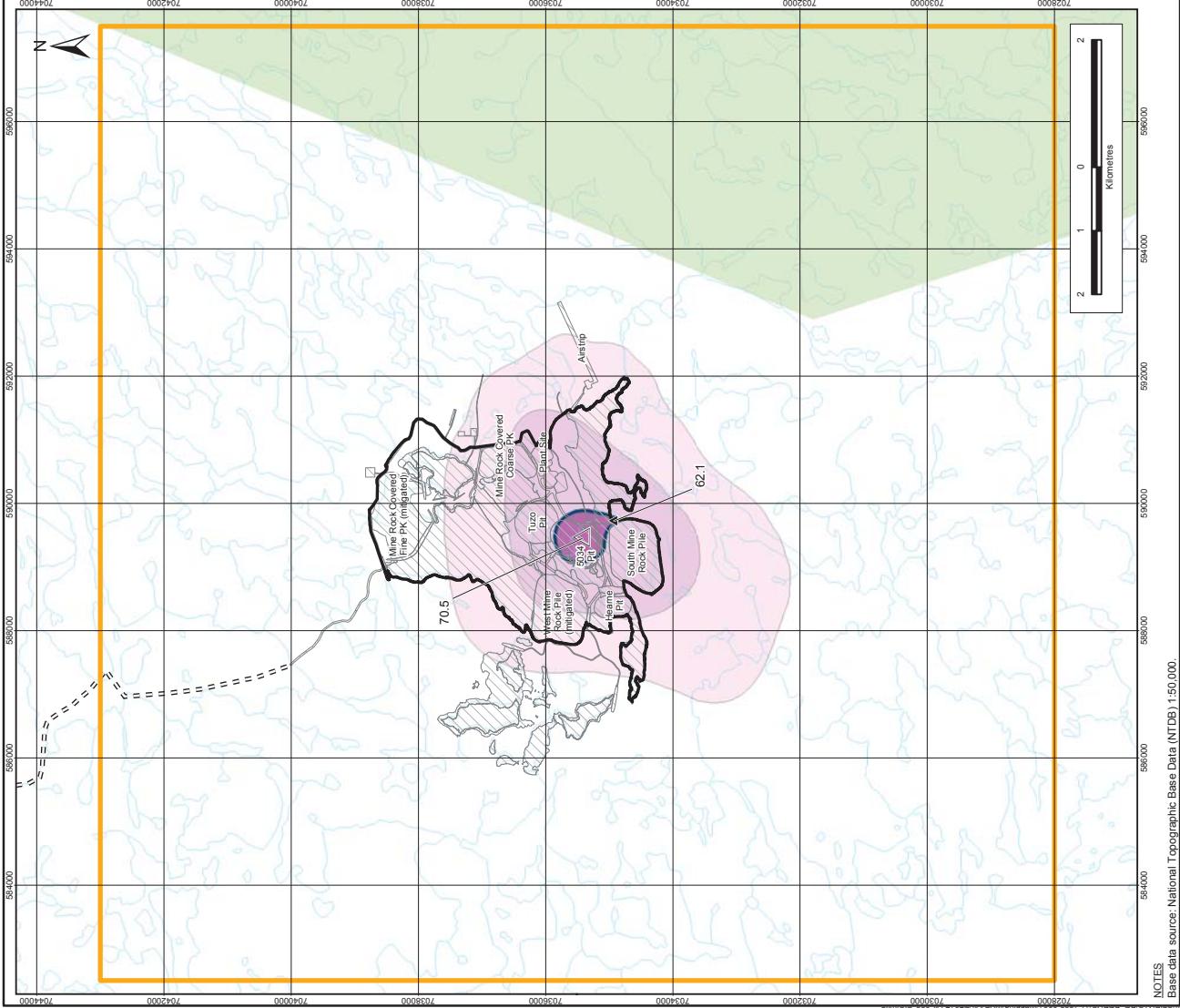
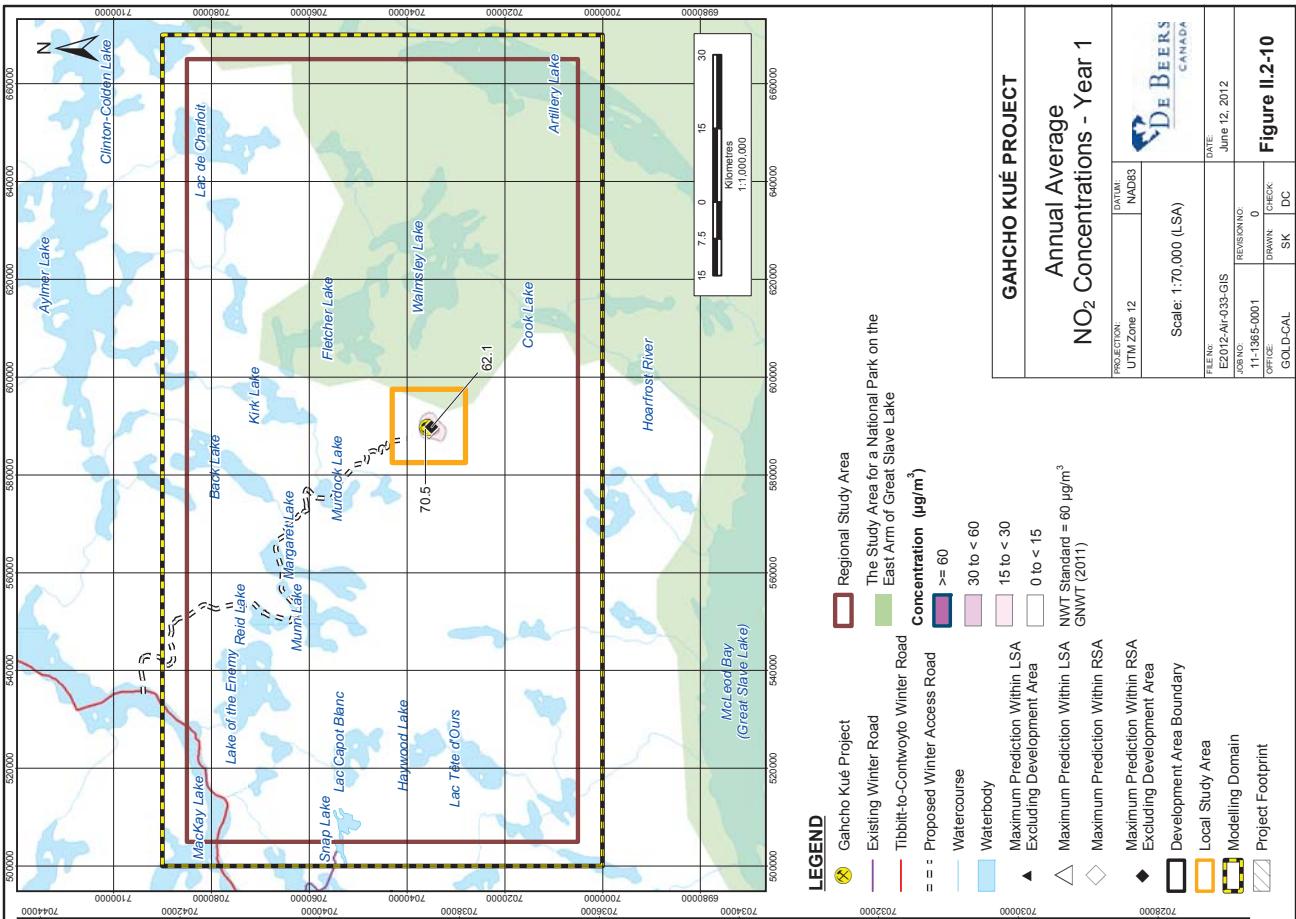


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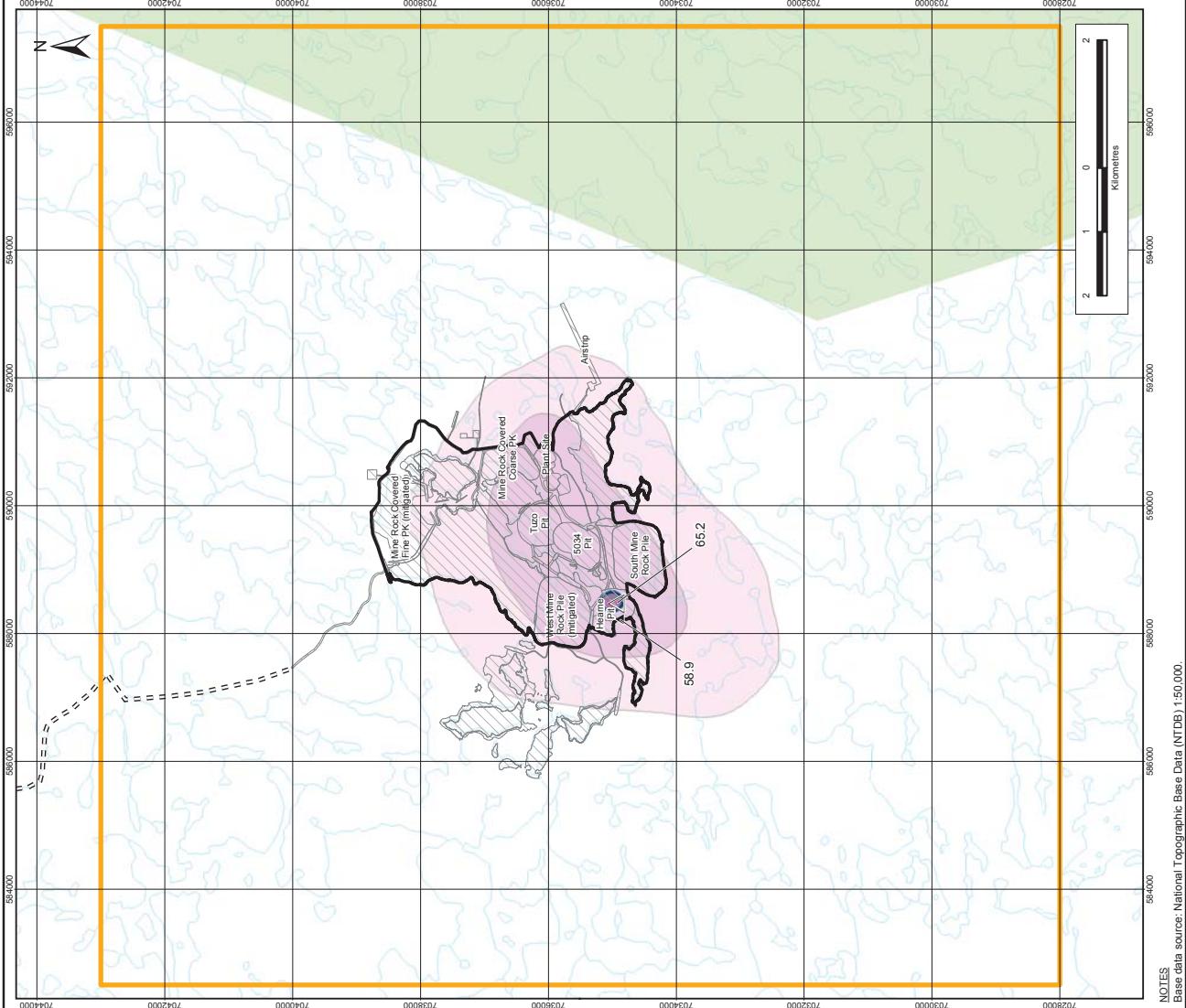
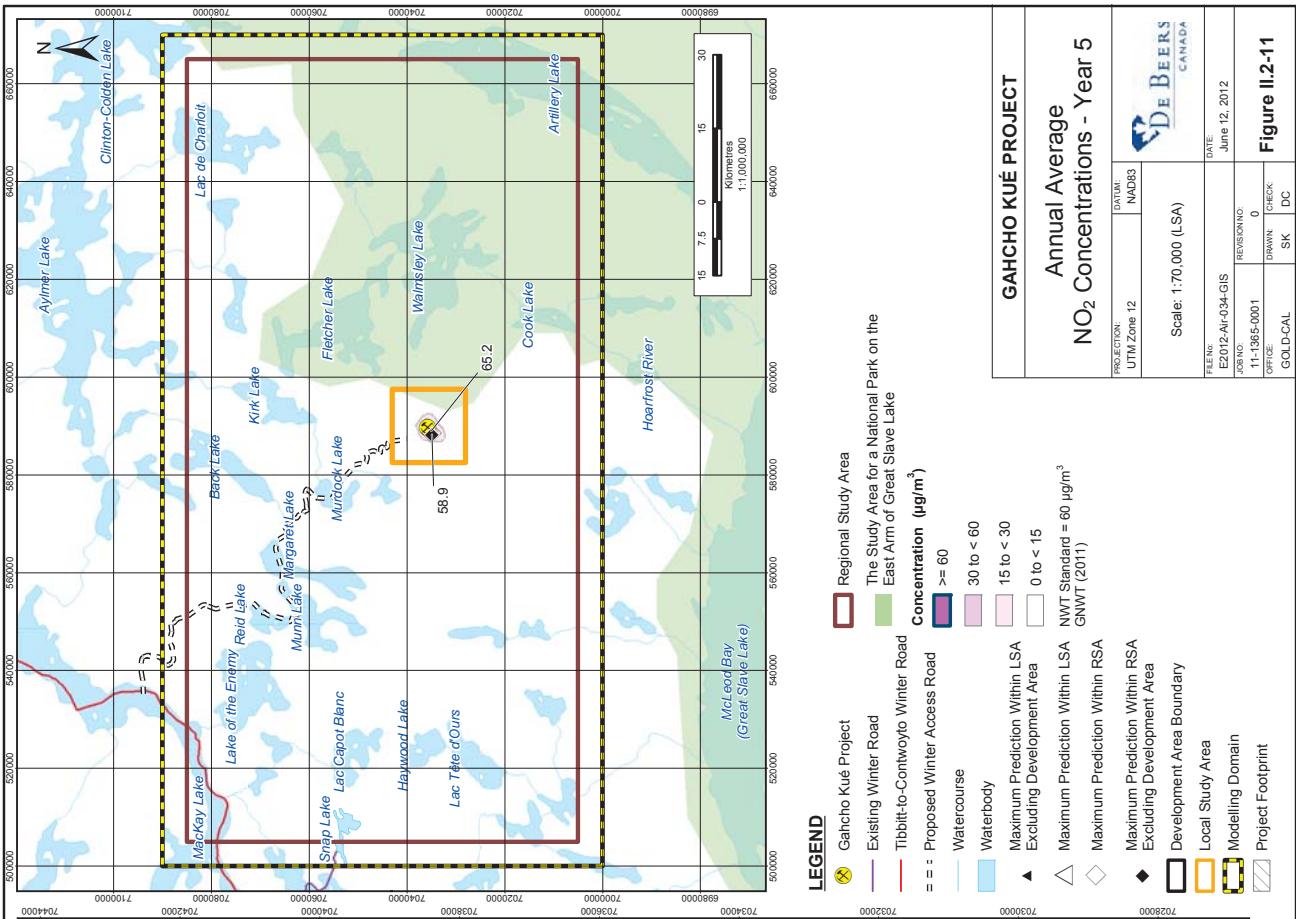


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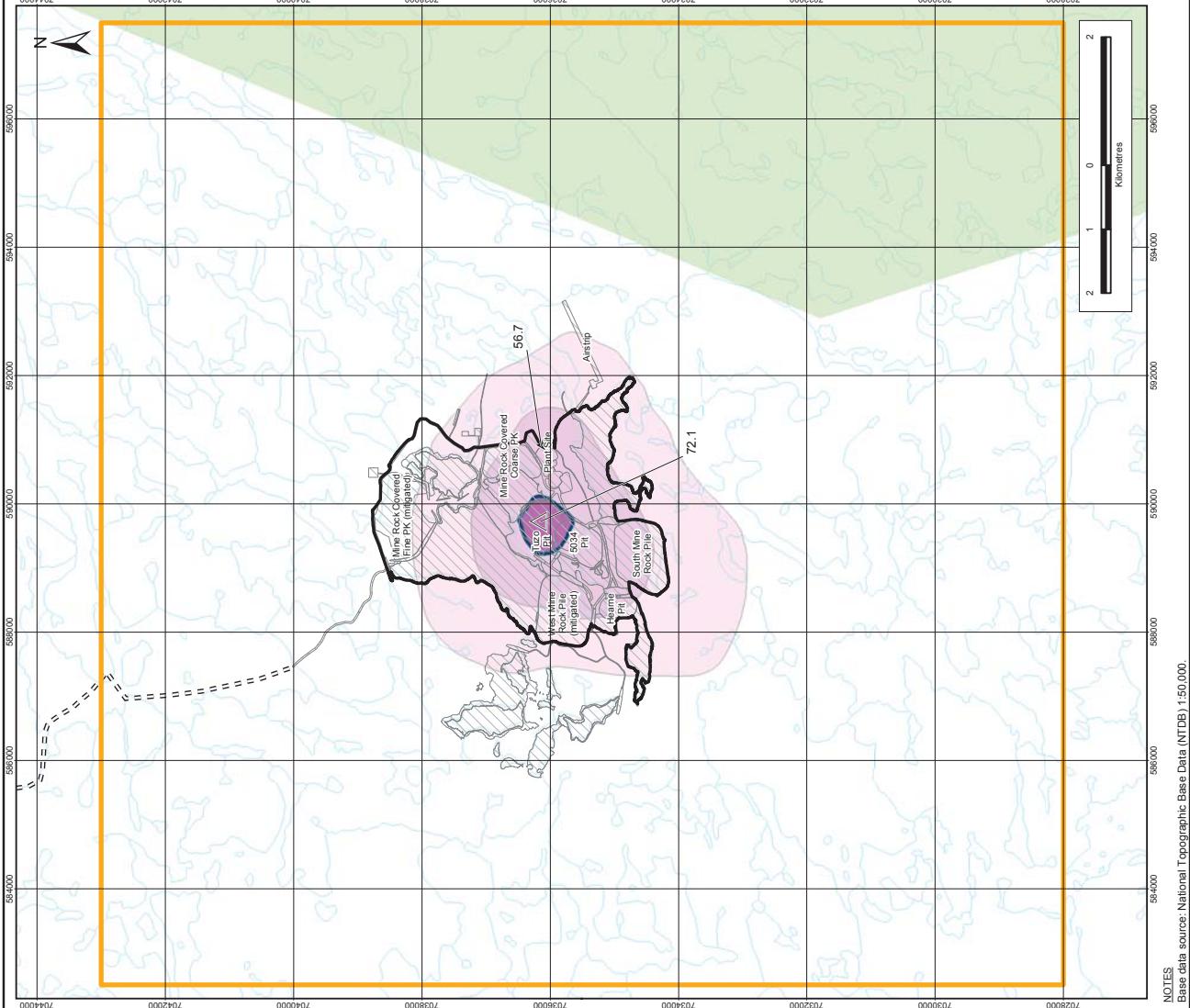
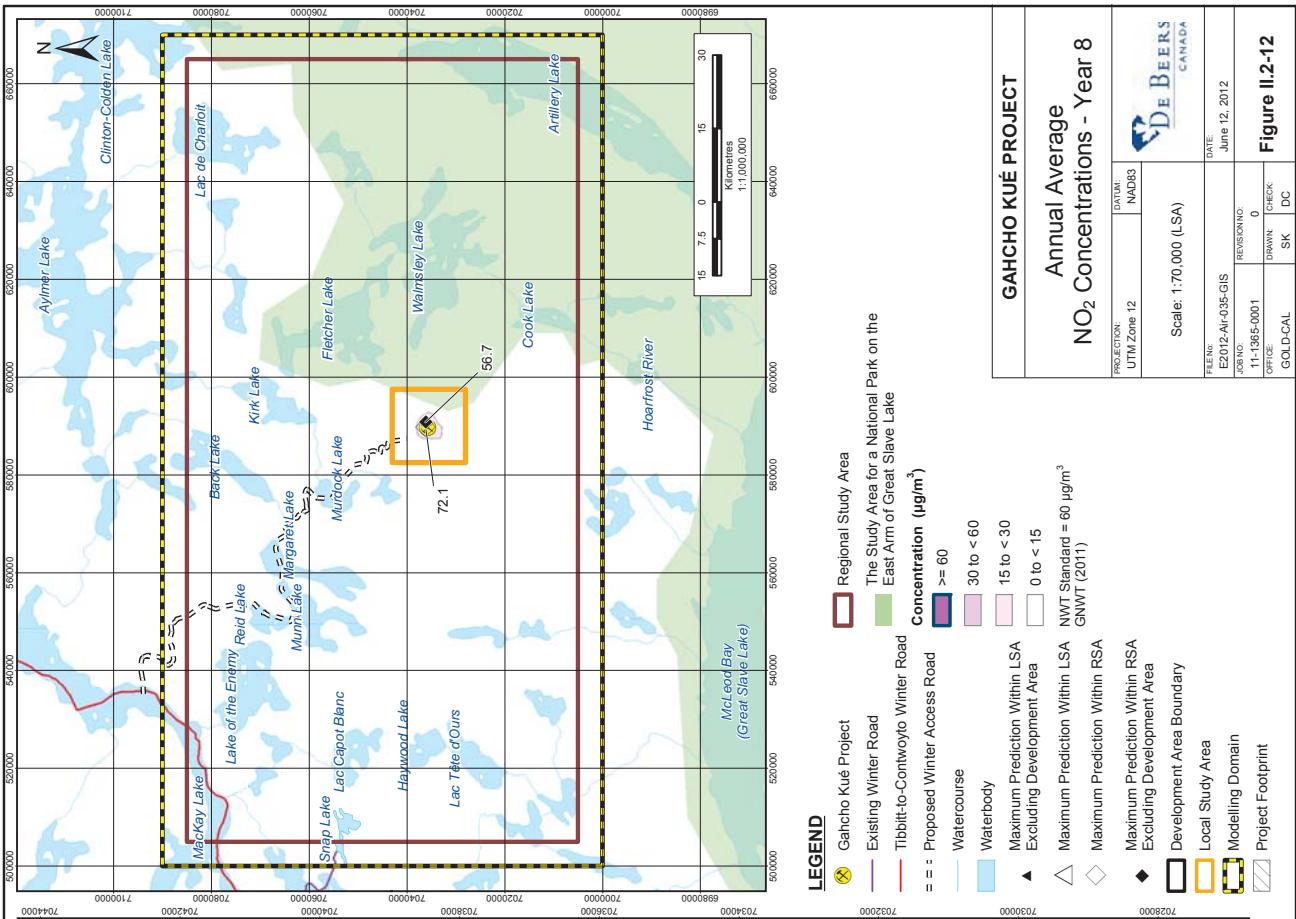


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Table II.2-3 CO Predictions - Comparison of the Updated Application Case

Study Area	Averaging Period	Maximum Predicted Concentrations [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]				
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 8	Application Case	
LSA	1-hour ^(a)	Overall	3,239.3	1,814.9	2,969.7	3,239.3
		Excluding Development Area	2,144.0	1,814.9	1,871.7	2,144.0
	8-hour ^(b)	Overall	2,451.8	1,614.4	2,173.8	2,451.8
		Excluding Development Area	1,855.8	1,614.4	1,368.3	1,855.8
RSA	1-hour ^(a)	Overall	3,239.3	1,814.9	2,969.7	3,239.3
		Excluding Development Area	2,144.0	1,814.9	1,871.7	2,144.0
	8-hour ^(b)	Overall	2,451.8	1,614.4	2,173.8	2,451.8
		Excluding Development Area	1,855.8	1,614.4	1,368.3	1,855.8

^(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour CO is 15,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (GNWT 2011).

^(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 8-hour CO is 6,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (GNWT 2011).

LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area; CO = carbon monoxide; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ = micrograms per cubic metres.

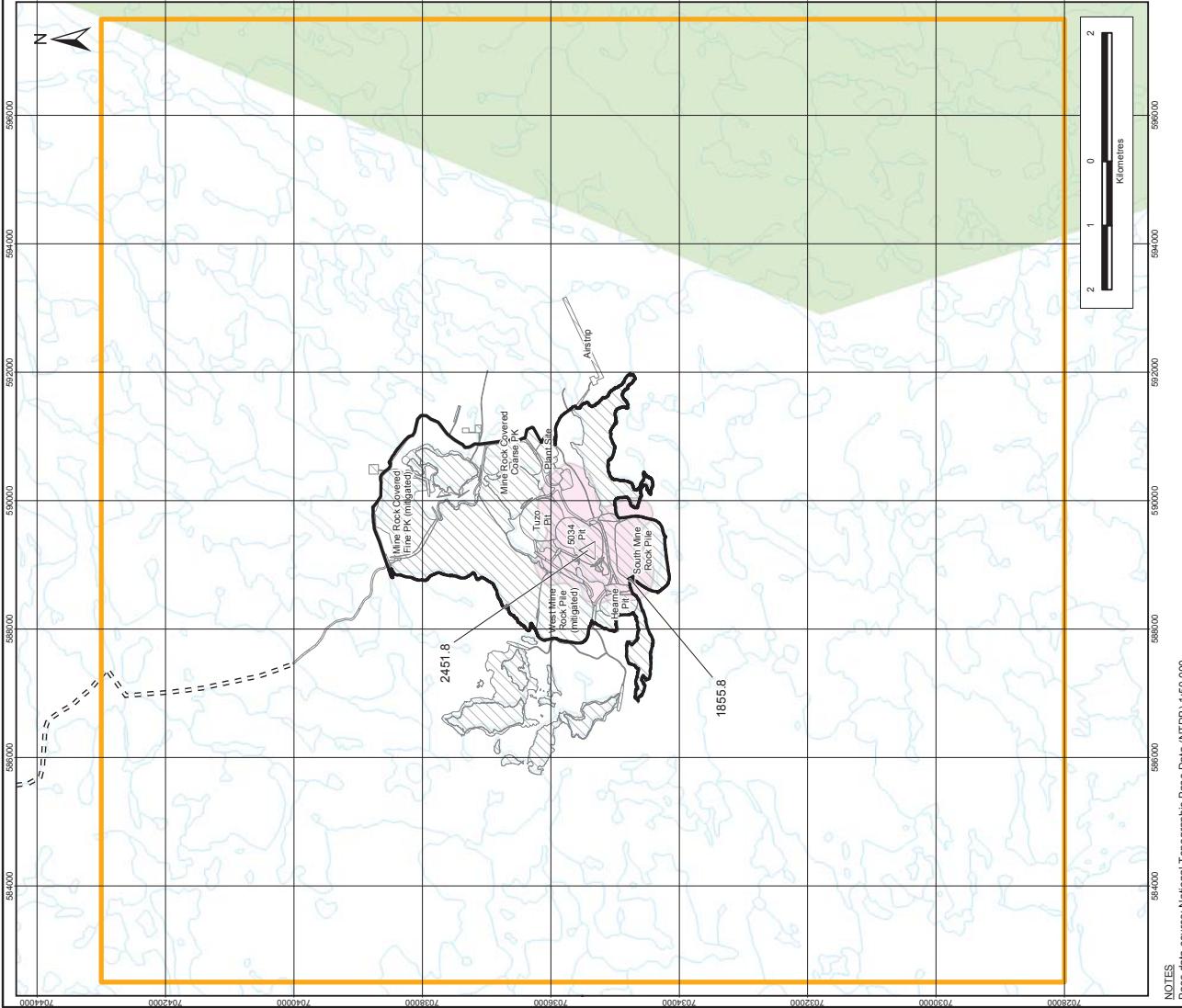
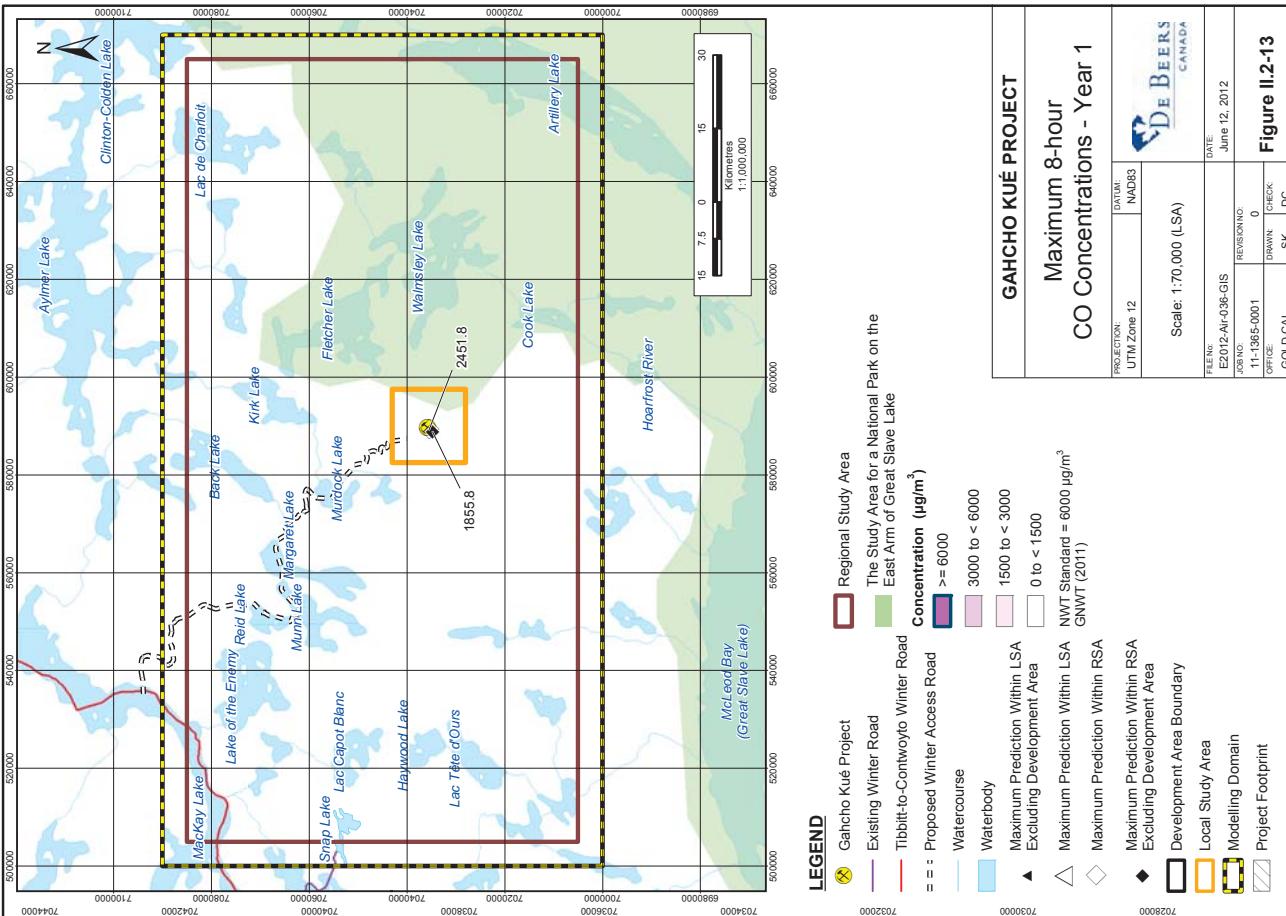
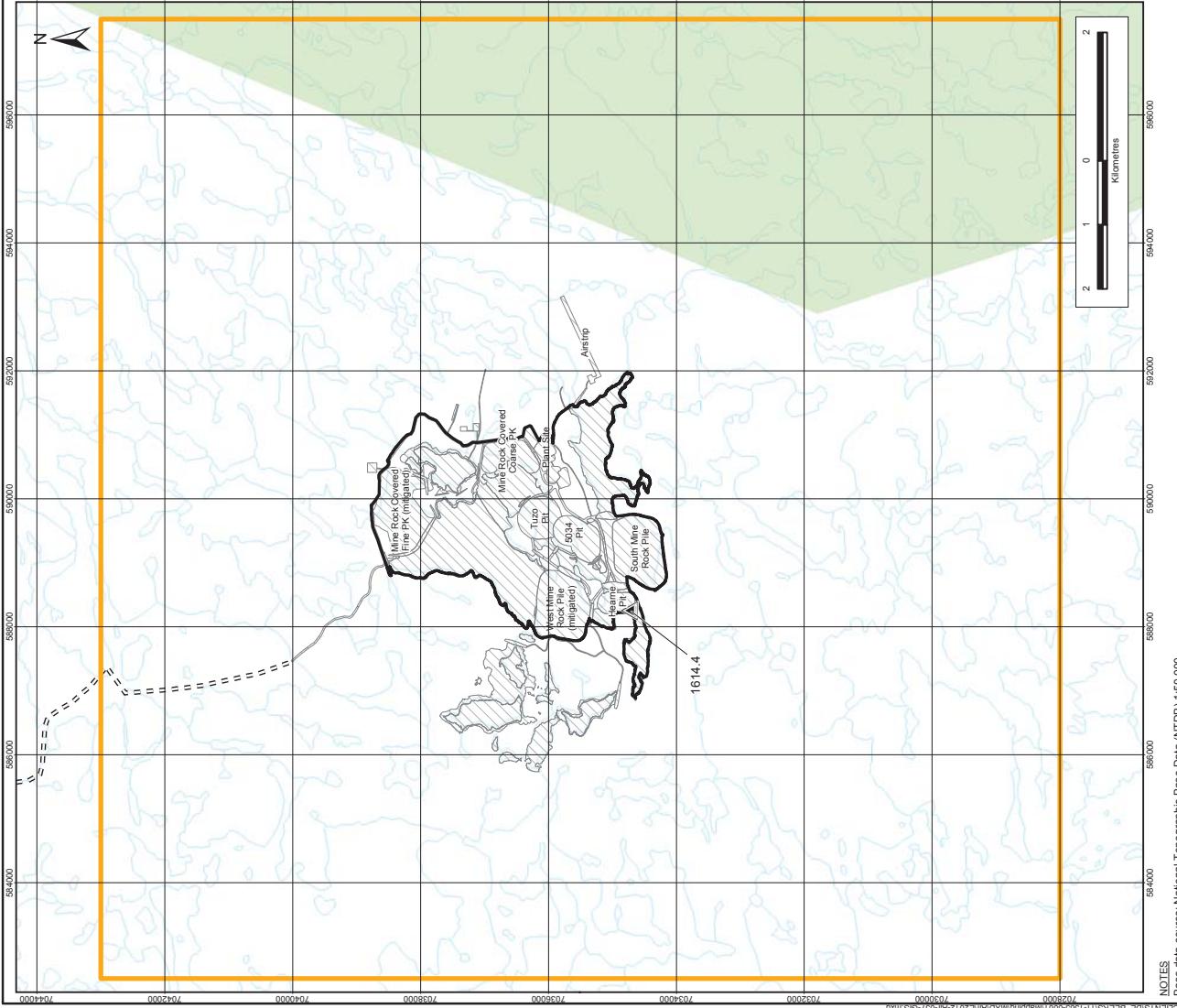
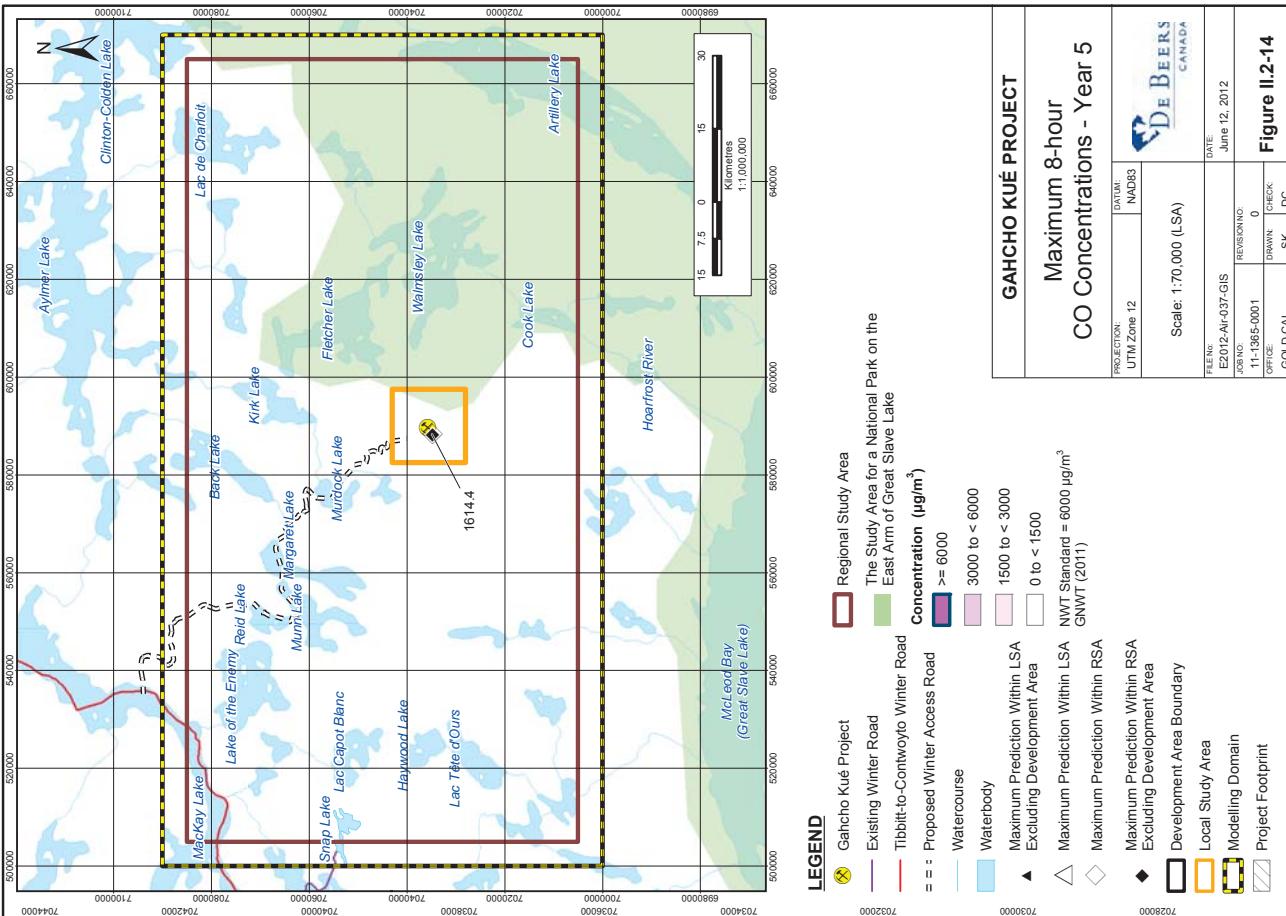


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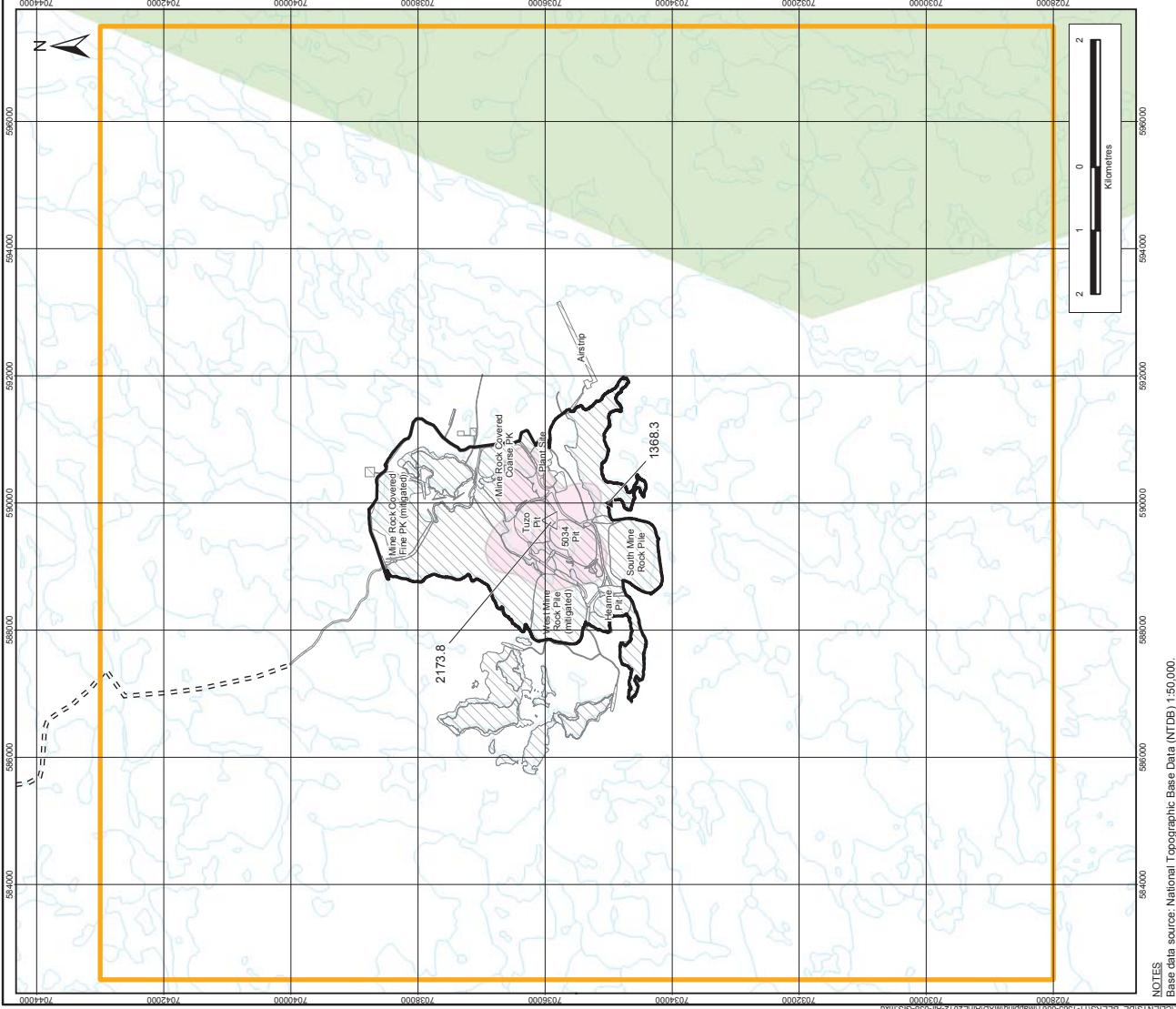
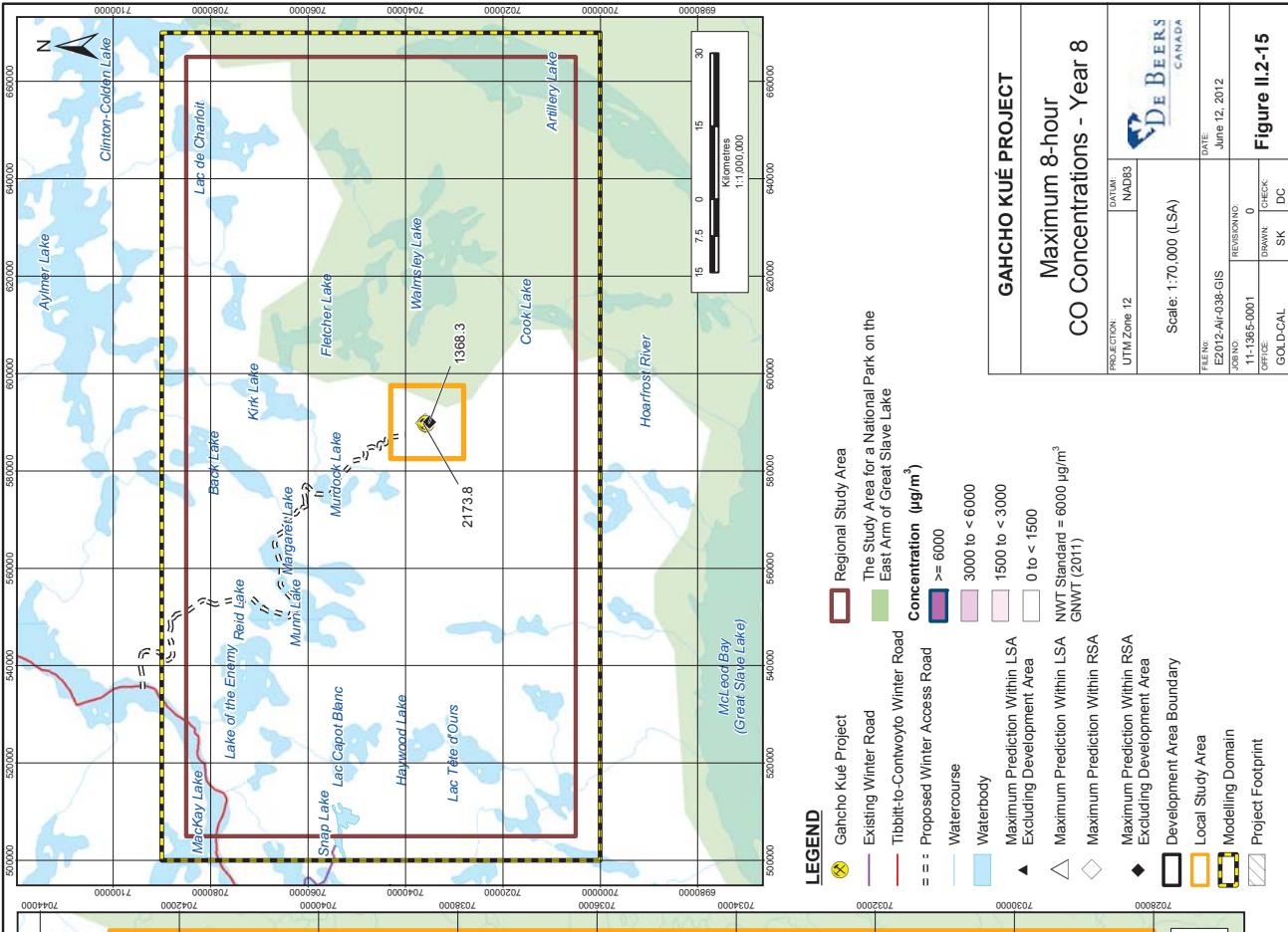
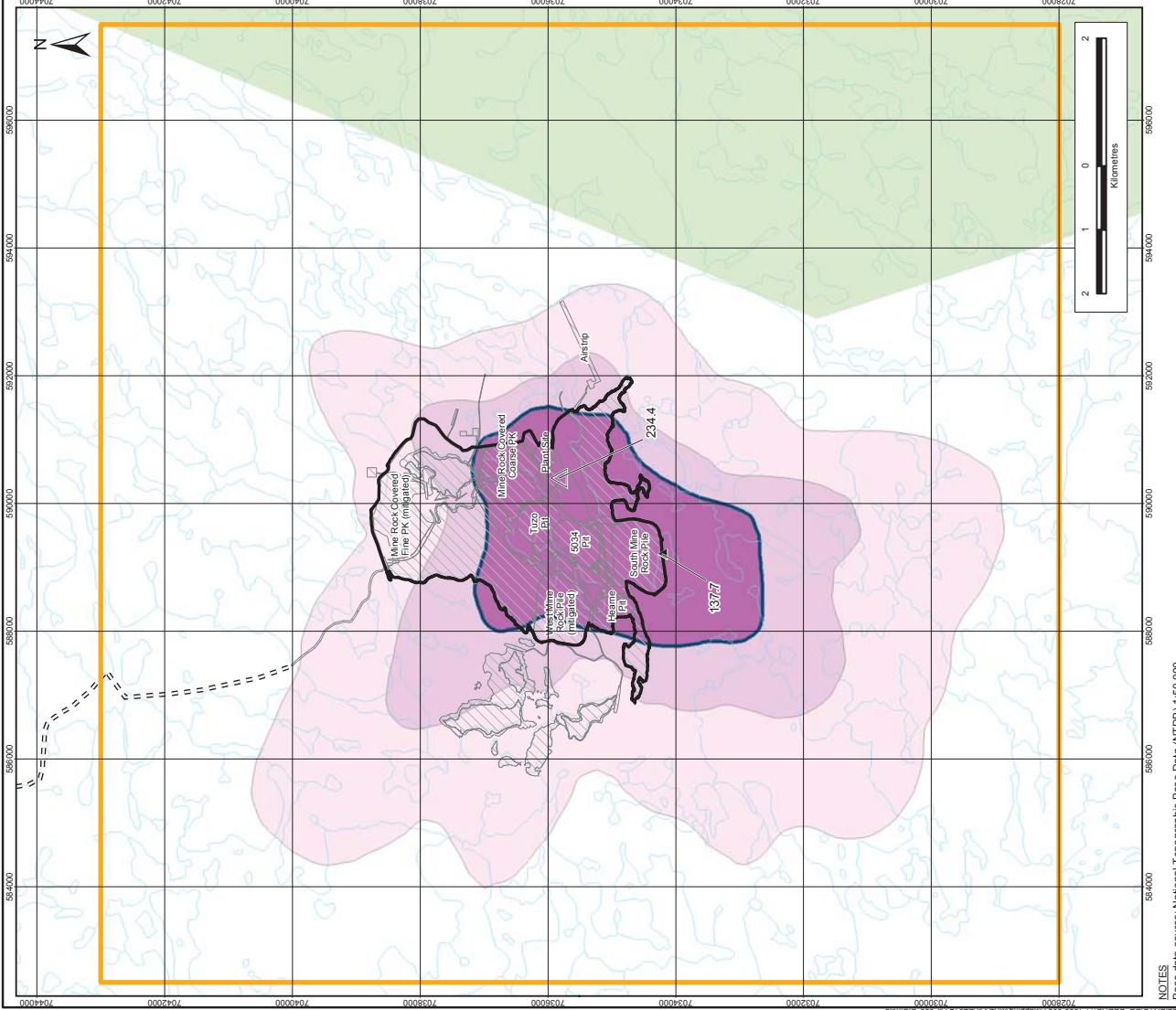
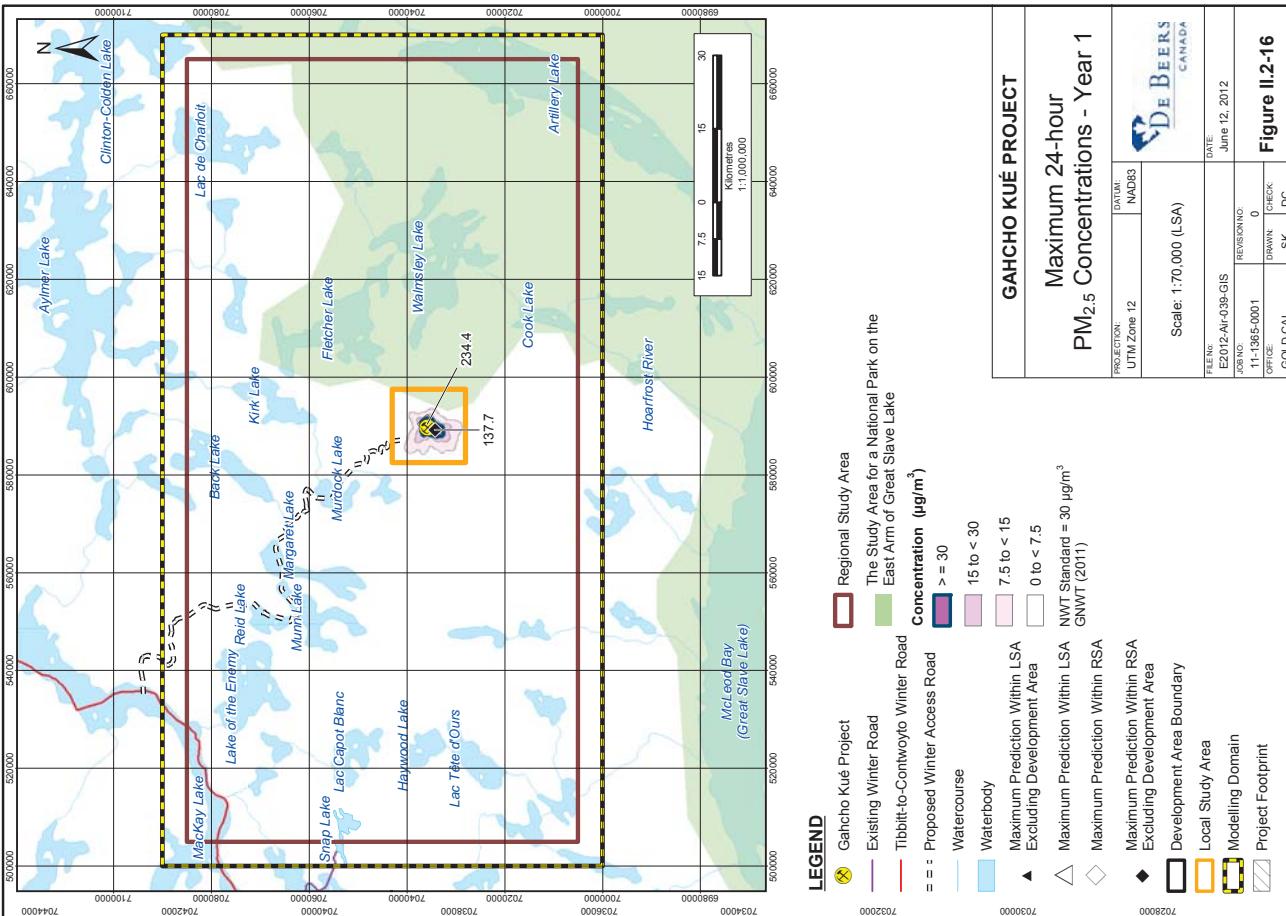


Table II.2-4 Comparison of the Updated Application Case PM_{2.5} Predictions

Study Area	Averaging Period	Maximum Predicted Concentrations [µg/m ³]			
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 8	Application Case
LSA	24-hour ^(a)	Overall	234.4	267.7	265.7
		Excluding Development Area	137.7	101.2	90.6
RSA	24-hour ^(a)	Overall	234.4	267.7	265.7
		Excluding Development Area	137.7	101.2	90.6

^(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour PM_{2.5} is 30 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area; PM_{2.5} = airborne particulate matter of mean diameter 2.5 microns (µm) or less; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.



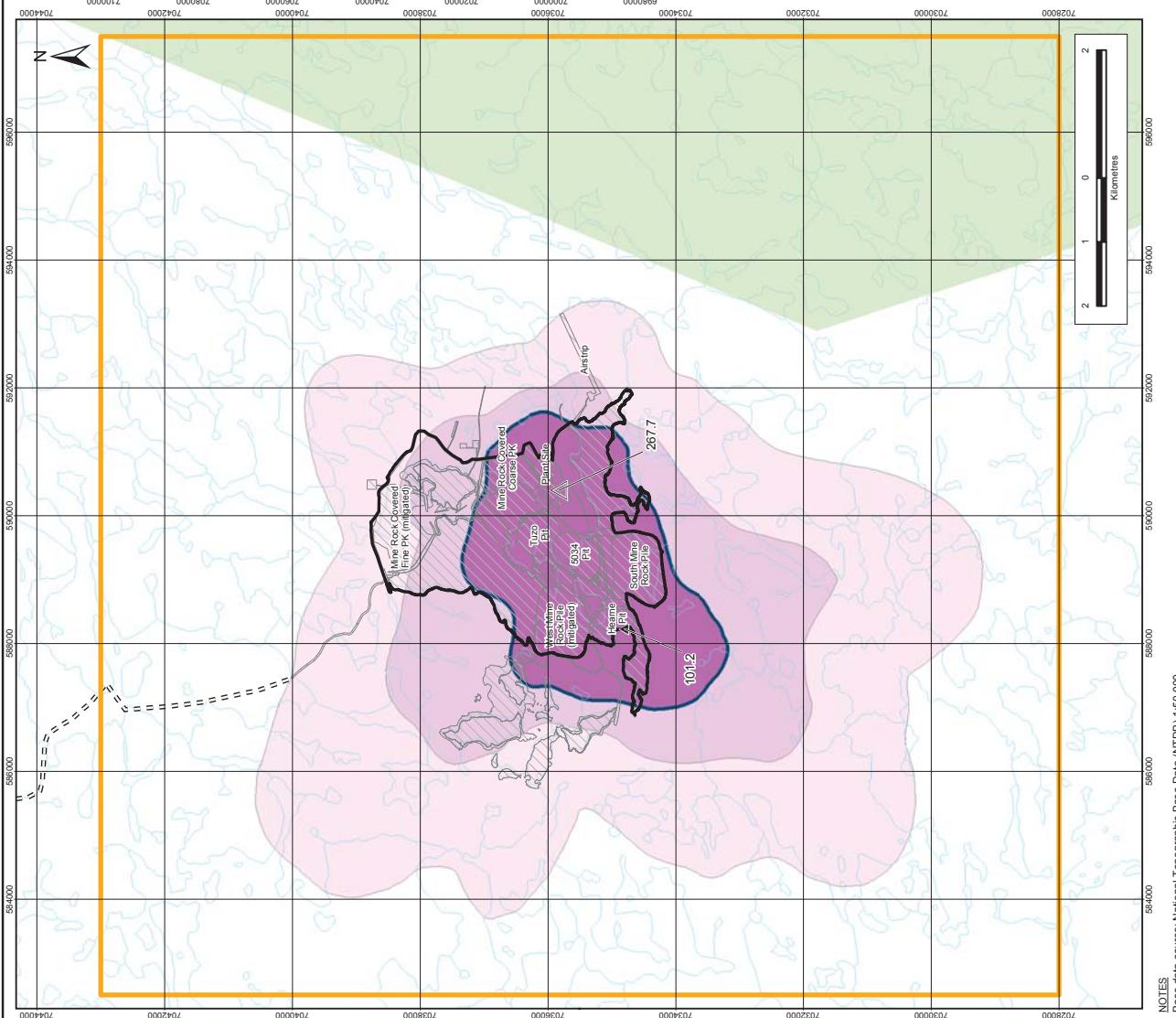
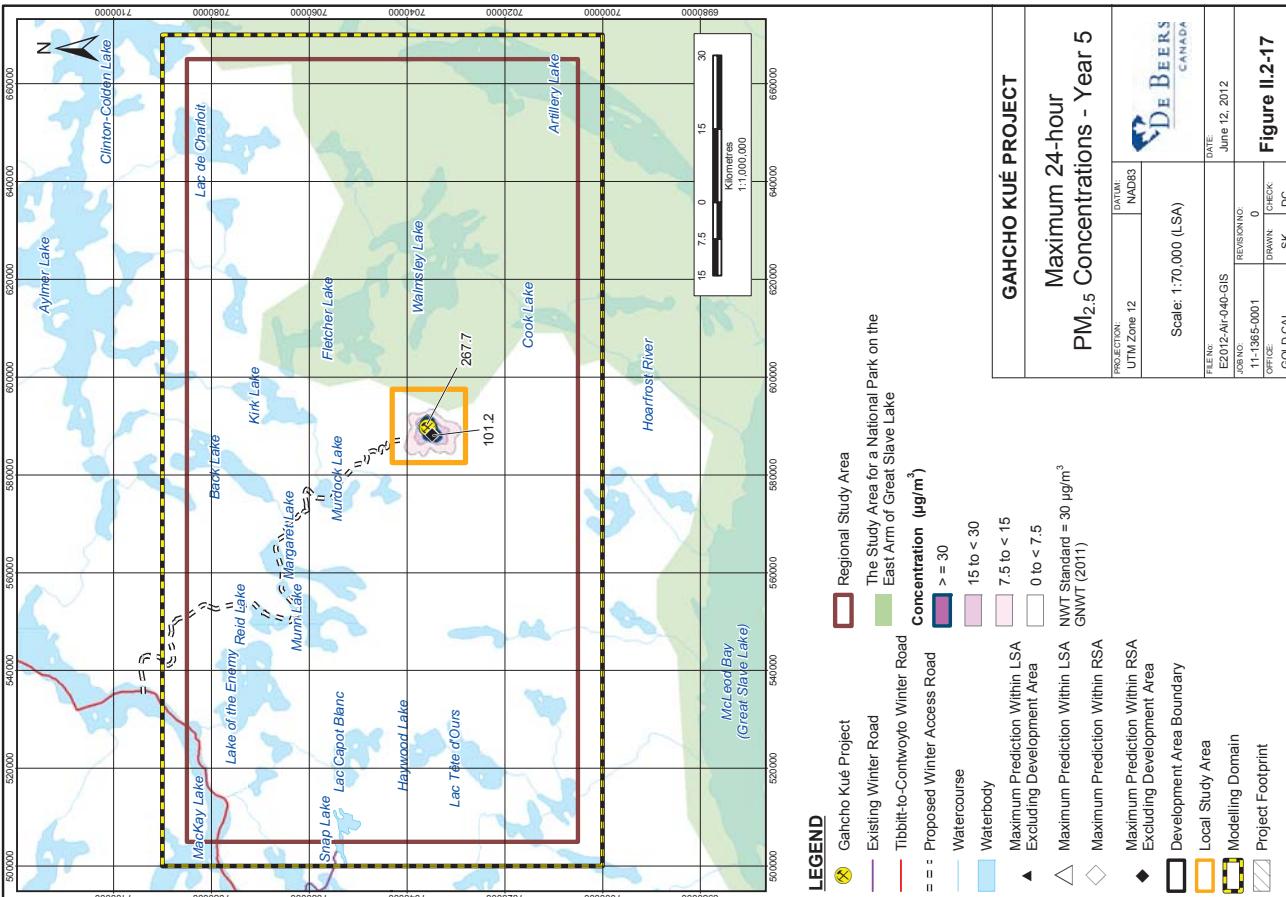
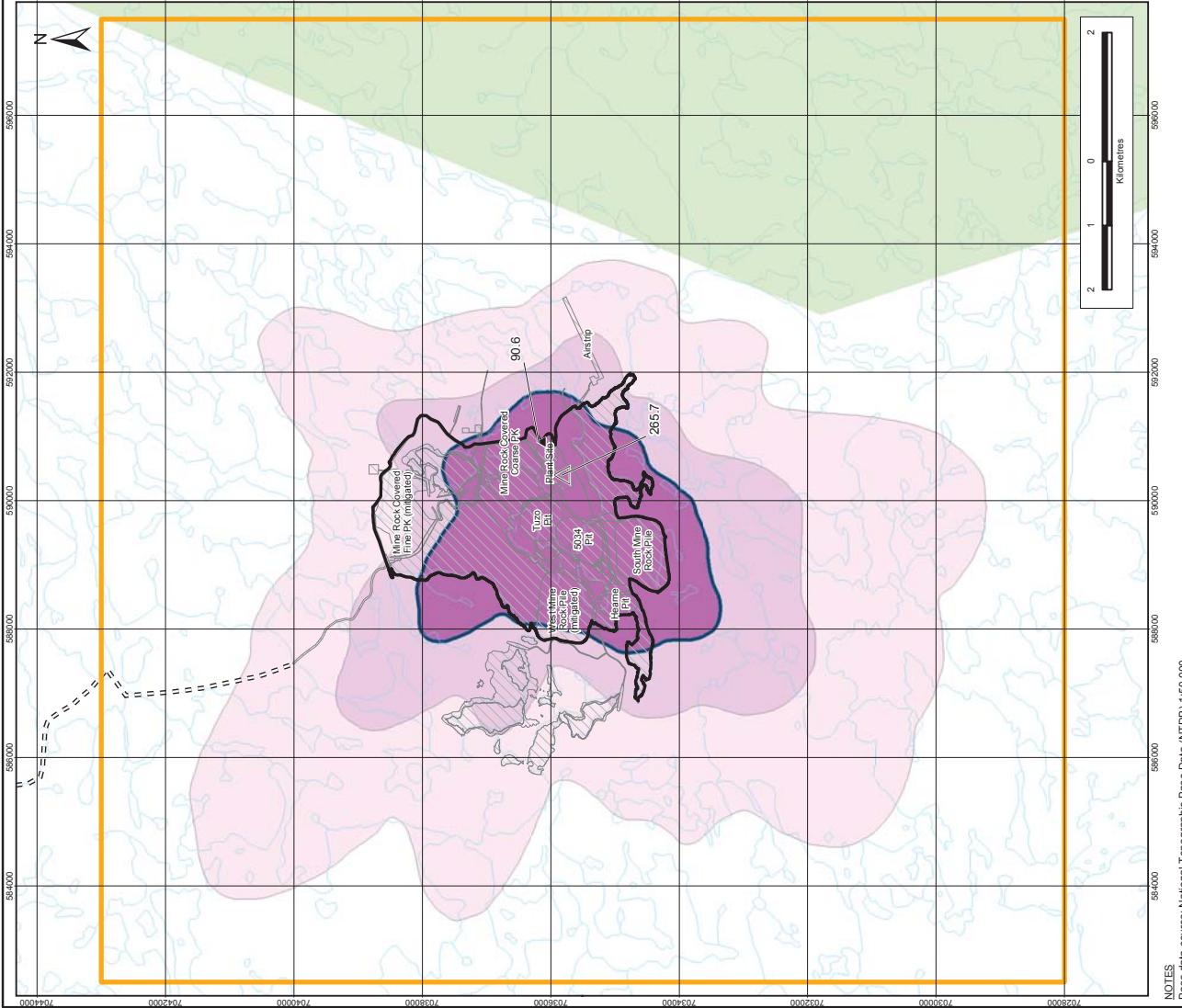
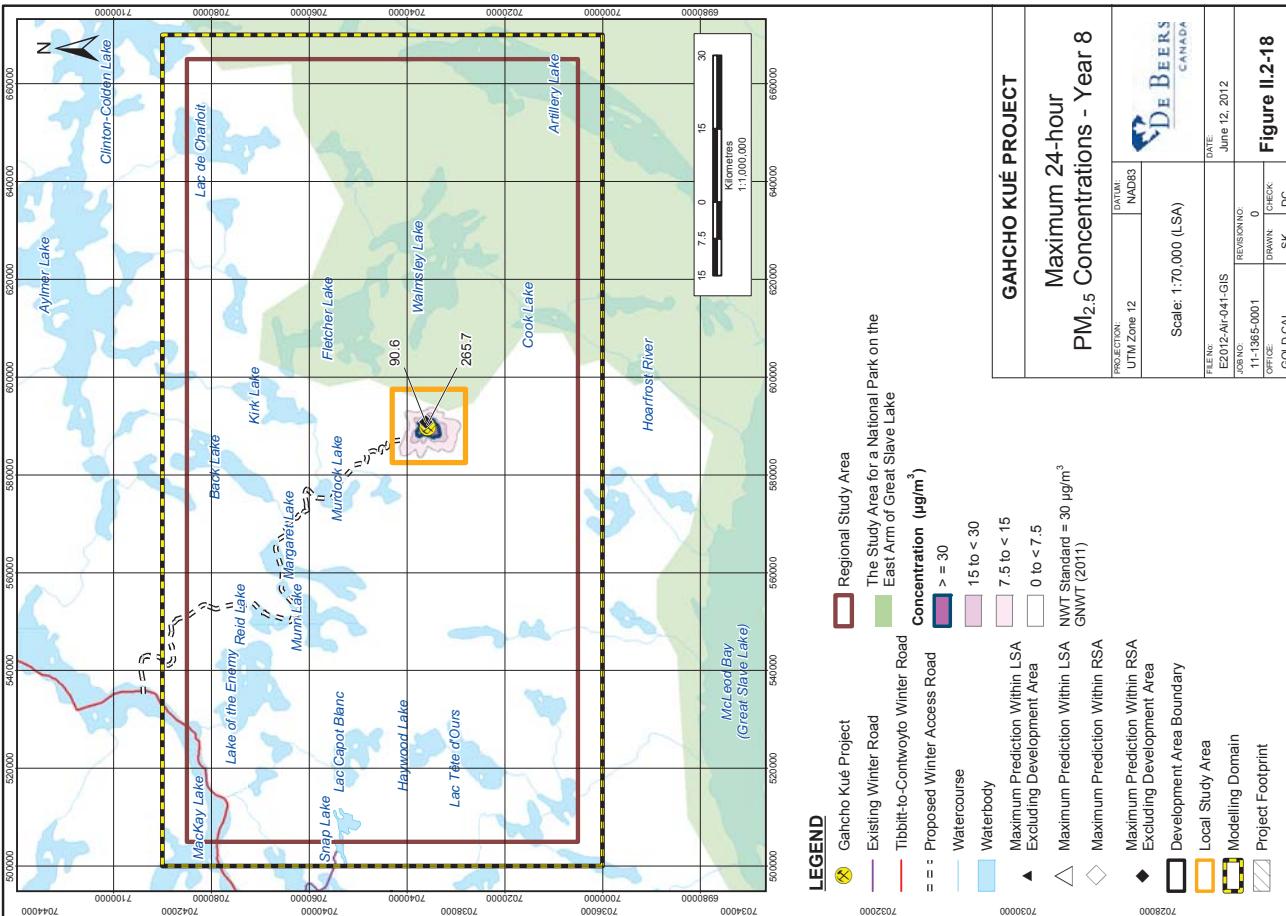
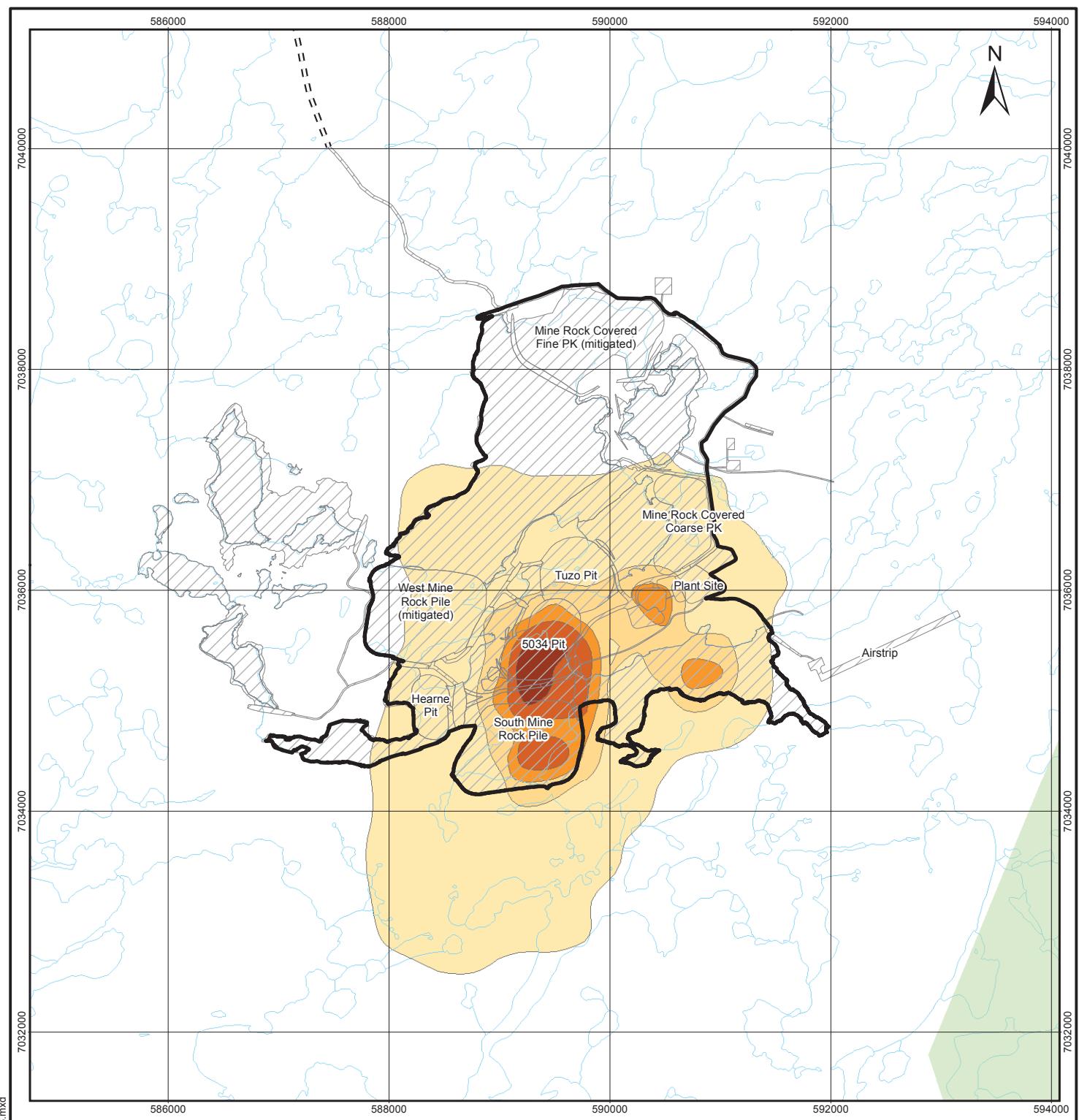


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- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Development Area Boundary
- Project Footprint
- The Study Area for a National Park on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake

Numbers of Days Exceeding Air Quality Standard

- | |
|----------|
| > 60 |
| 45 to 59 |
| 30 to 44 |
| 15 to 29 |
| 1 to 14 |

NWT Standard = 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
GNWT (2011)

NOTES

Base data source: National Topographic Base Data (NTDB) 1:50,000

GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT

Number of Days Exceeding 24-hour PM_{2.5} Air Quality Standard - Year 1

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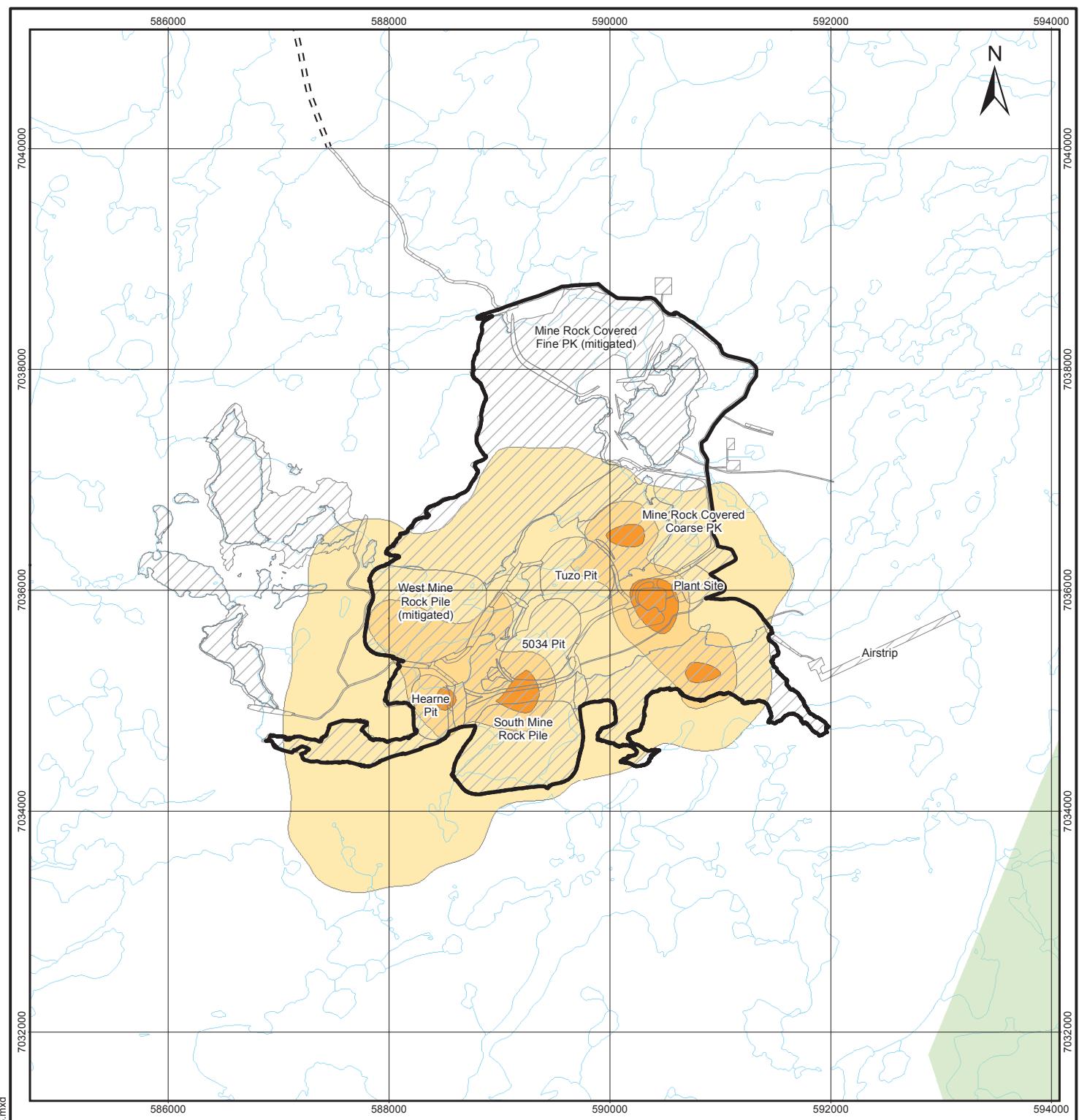
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Numbers of Days Exceeding Air Quality Standard

- | |
|----------|
| > 60 |
| 45 to 59 |
| 30 to 44 |
| 15 to 29 |
| 1 to 14 |

NWT Standard = 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
GNWT (2011)

NOTES

Base data source: National Topographic Base Data (NTDB) 1:50,000

GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT

Number of Days Exceeding 24-hour PM_{2.5} Air Quality Standard - Year 5

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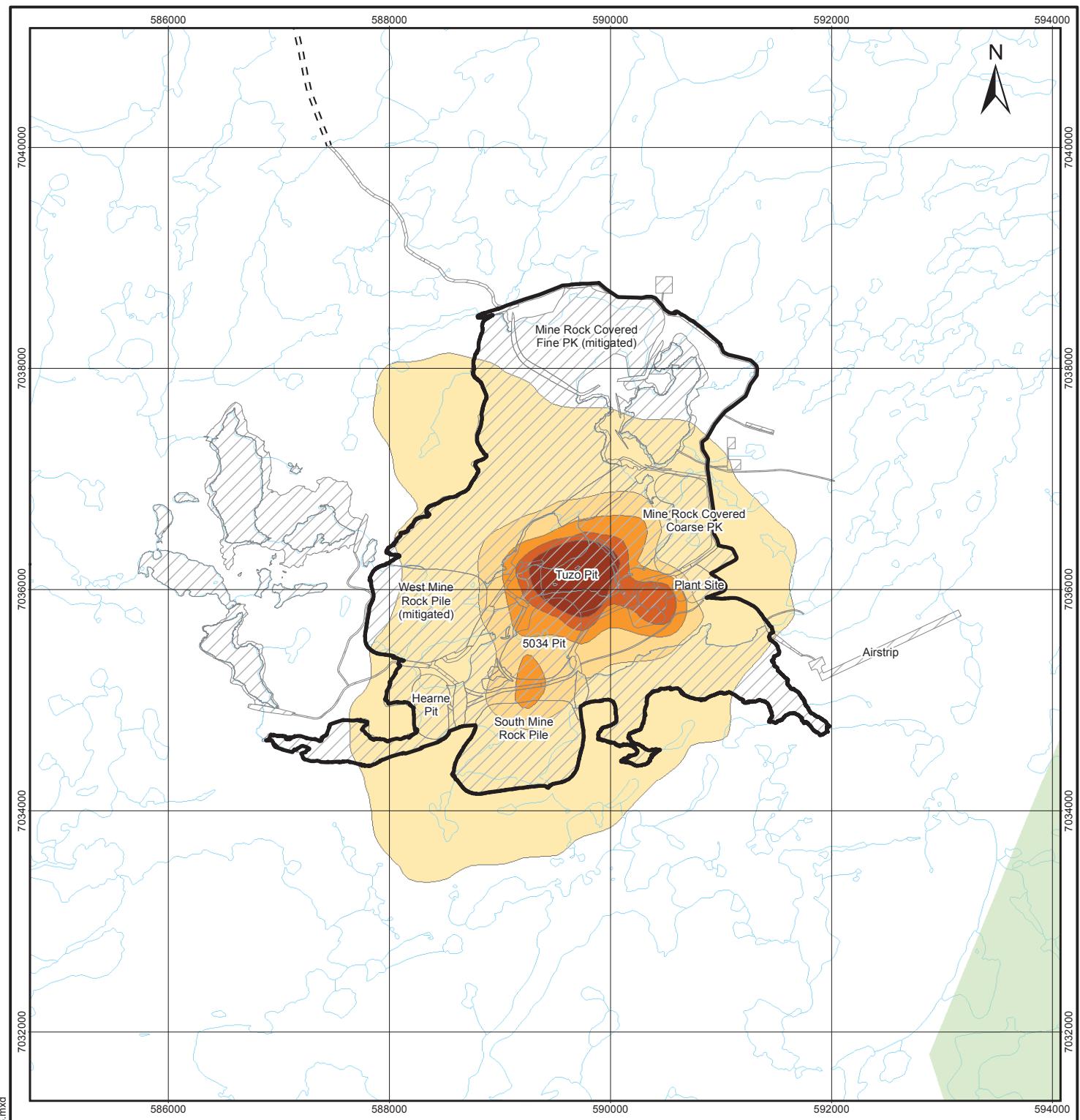
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- Waterbody
- Development Area Boundary
- Project Footprint
- The Study Area for a National Park on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake

Numbers of Days Exceeding Air Quality Standard

- | |
|----------|
| > 60 |
| 45 to 59 |
| 30 to 44 |
| 15 to 29 |
| 1 to 14 |

NWT Standard = 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
GNWT (2011)

NOTES

Base data source: National Topographic Base Data (NTDB) 1:50,000

GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT

Number of Days Exceeding 24-hour PM_{2.5} Air Quality Standard - Year 8

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Table II.2-5 TSP Predictions - Comparison of the Updated Application Case

Study Area	Averaging Period	Maximum Predicted Concentrations [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]			
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 8	Application Case
LSA	24-hour ^(a)	Overall	1,752.7	1,221.3	1,836.7
		Excluding Development Area	1,307.9	746.8	397.6
	Annual ^(b)	Overall	314.4	195.3	356.7
		Excluding Development Area	278.1	91.5	56.7
RSA	24-hour ^(a)	Overall	1,752.7	1,221.3	1,836.7
		Excluding Development Area	1,307.9	746.8	397.6
	Annual ^(b)	Overall	314.4	195.3	356.7
		Excluding Development Area	278.1	91.5	56.7

^(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 24-hour TSP is 120 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (GNWT 2011).

^(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for annual TSP is 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (GNWT 2011).

LSA = local study area; RSA = regional study area; TSP = total suspended particulates; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ = micrograms per cubic metres.

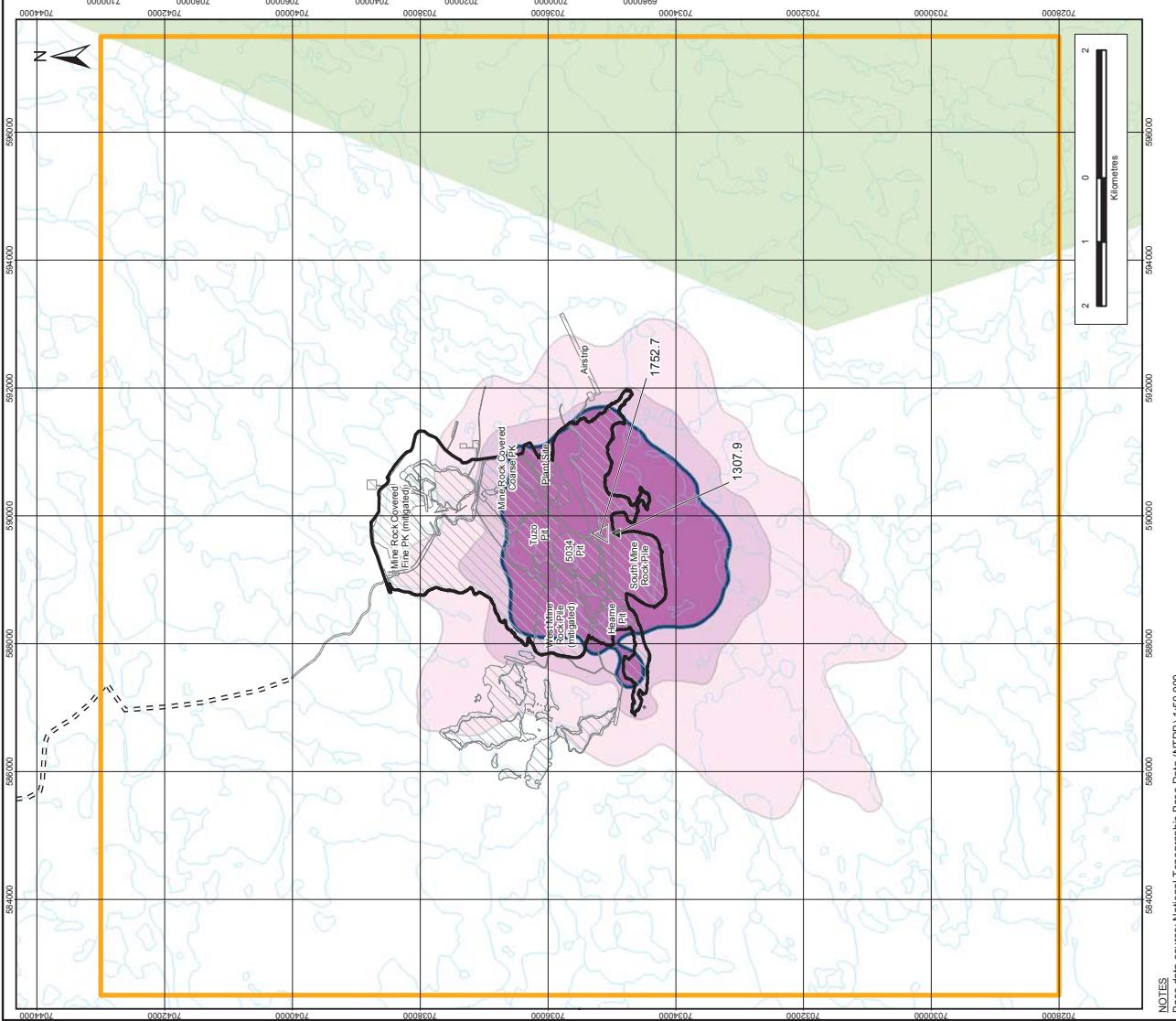
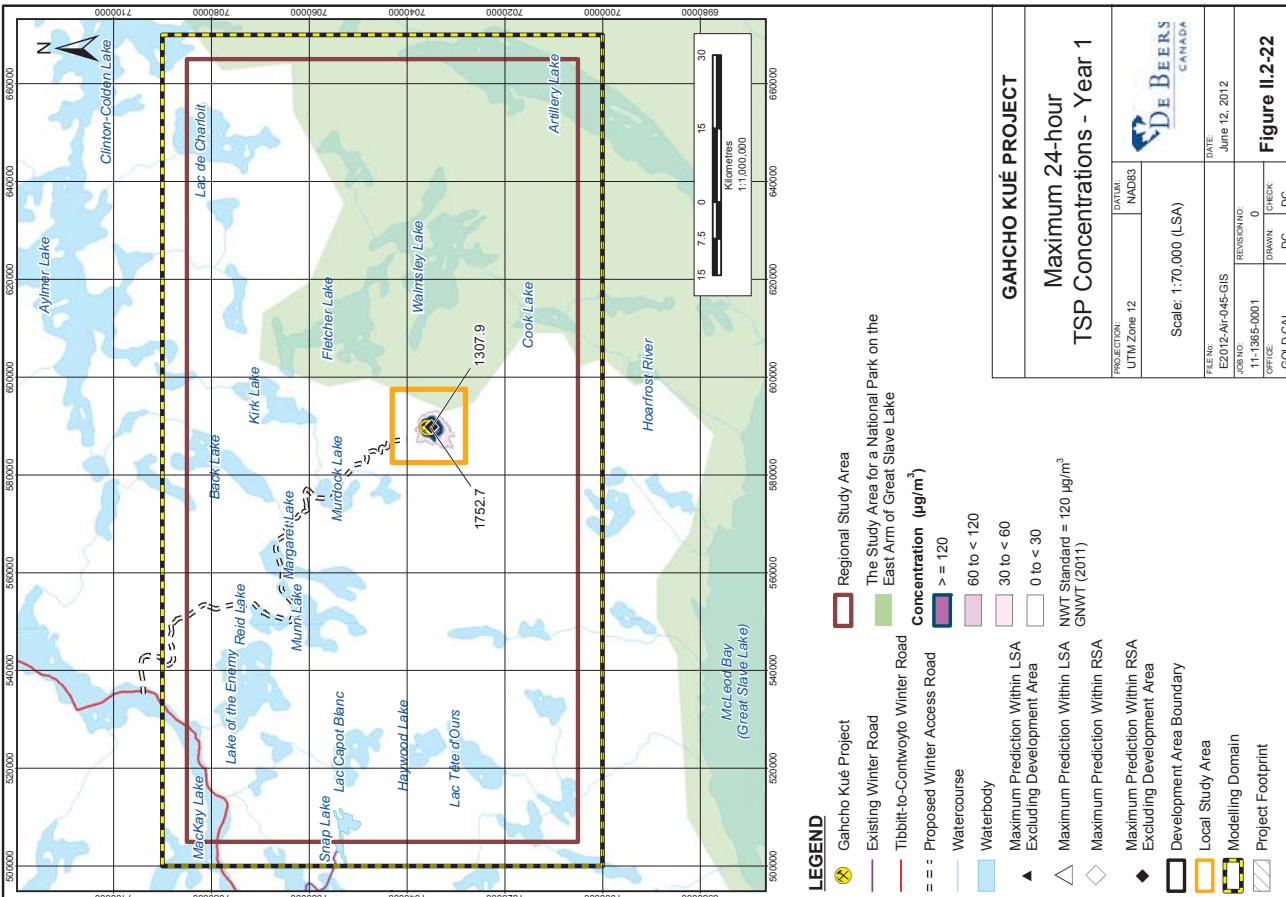
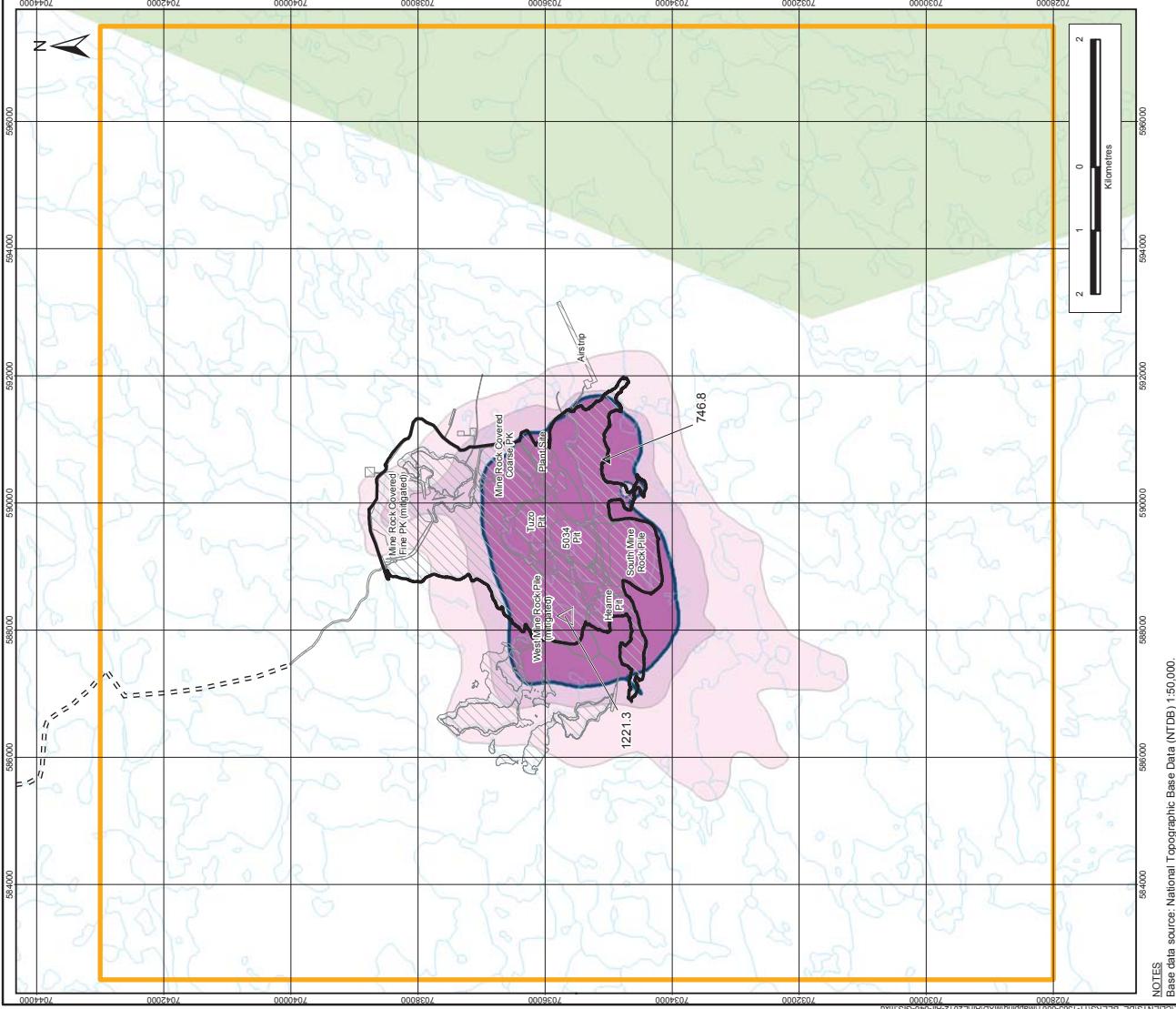
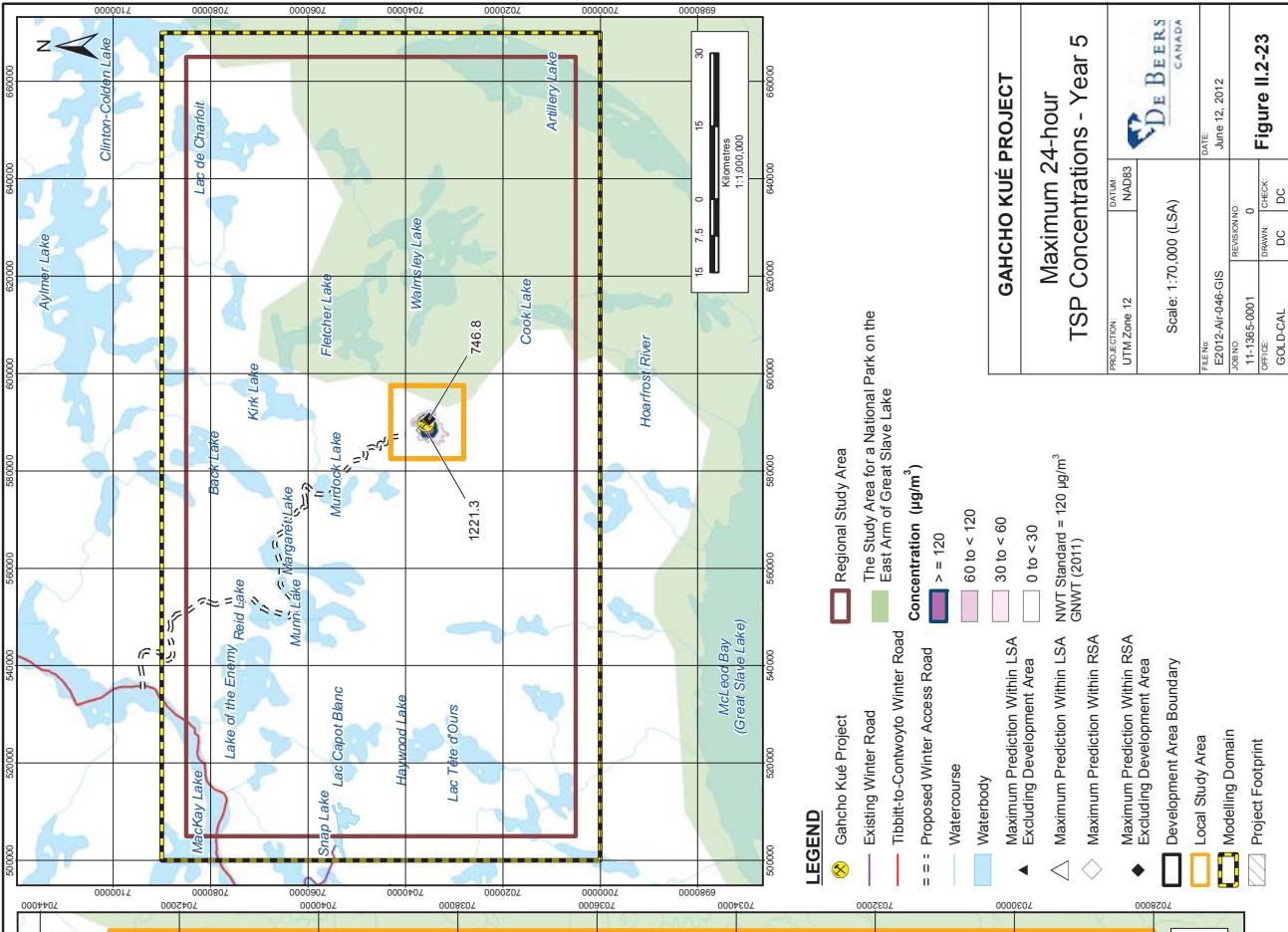
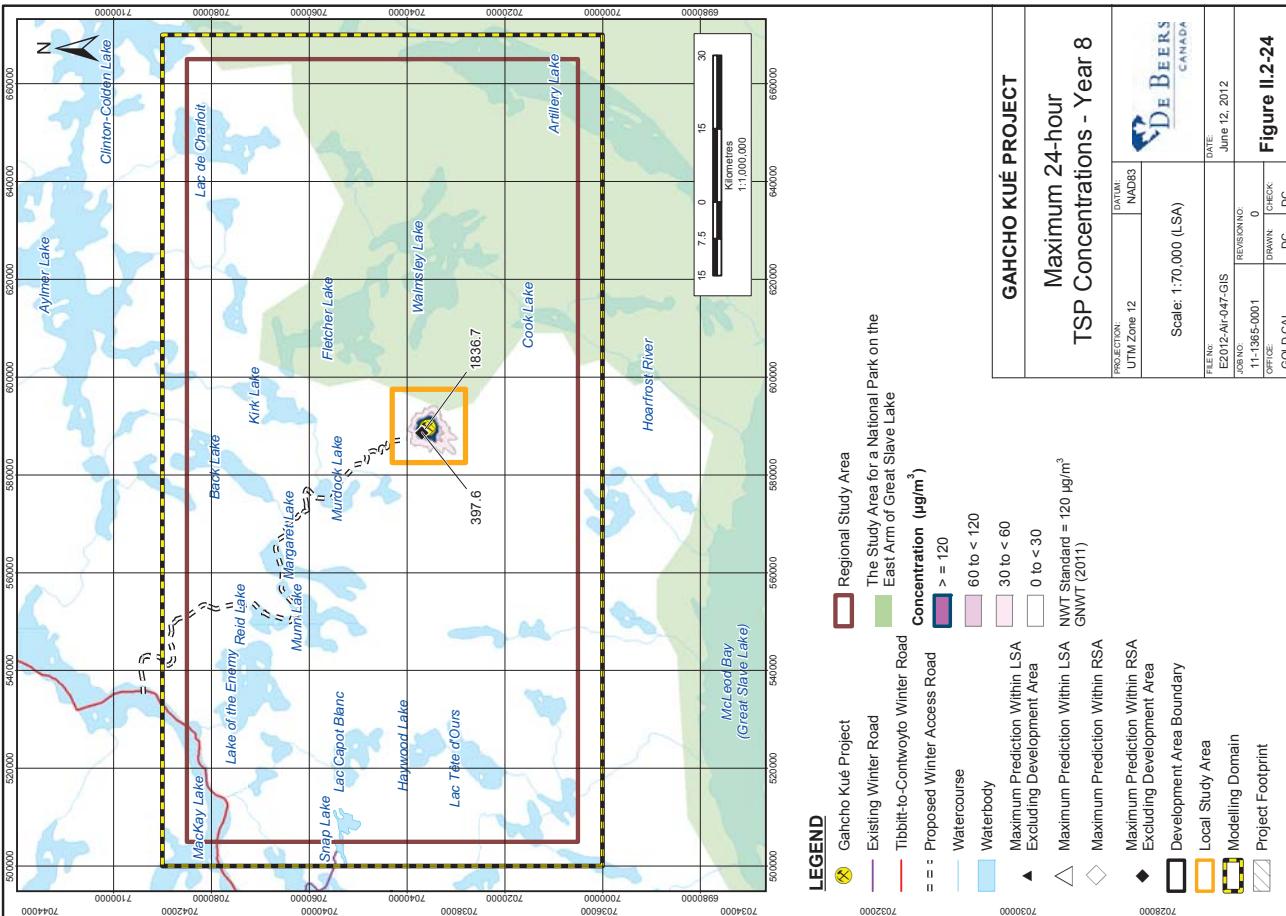


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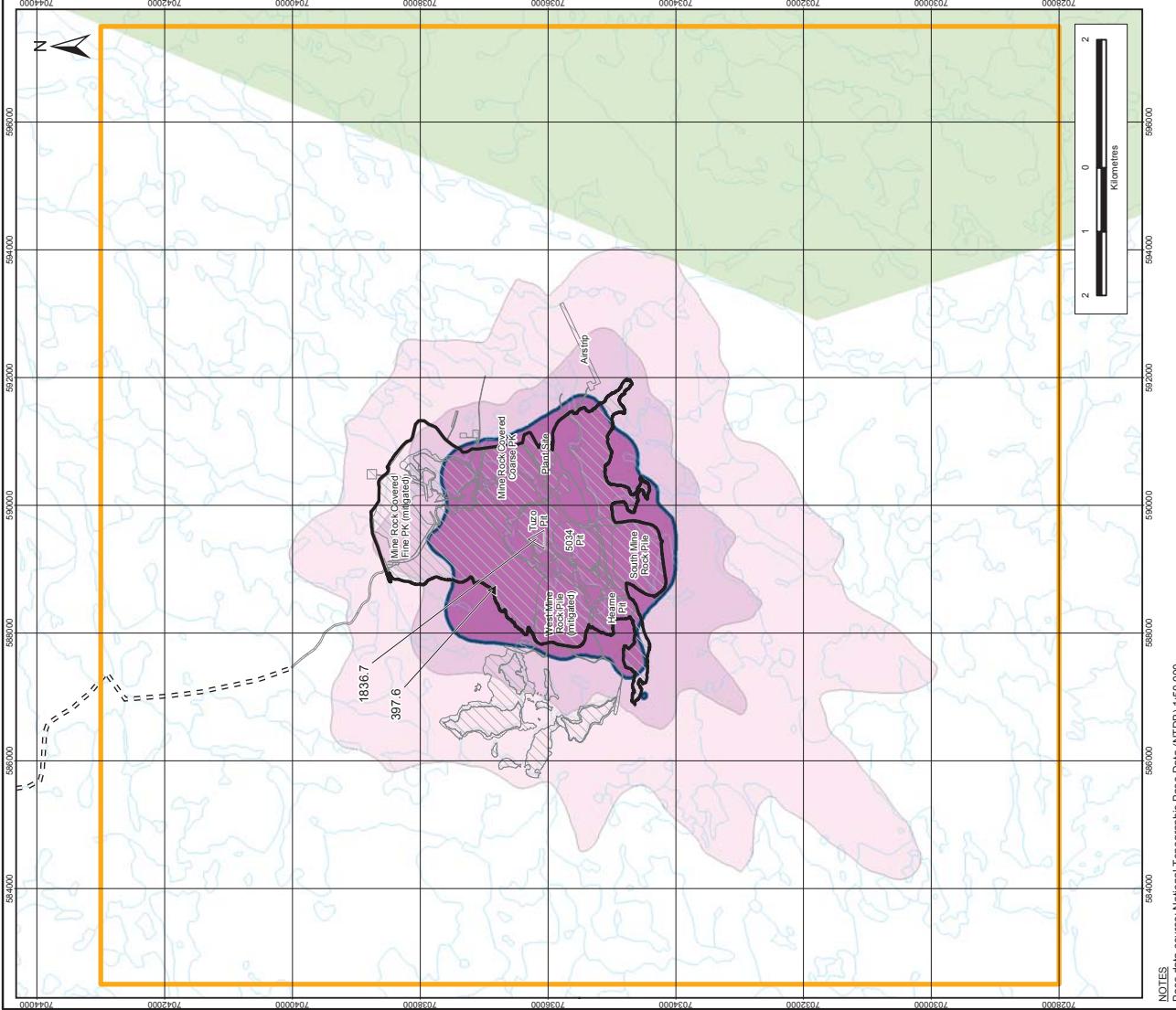
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- Maximum Prediction Within RSA
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- Local Study Area
- Modelling Domain
- Project Footprint

GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT

Maximum 24-hour TSP Concentrations - Year 8

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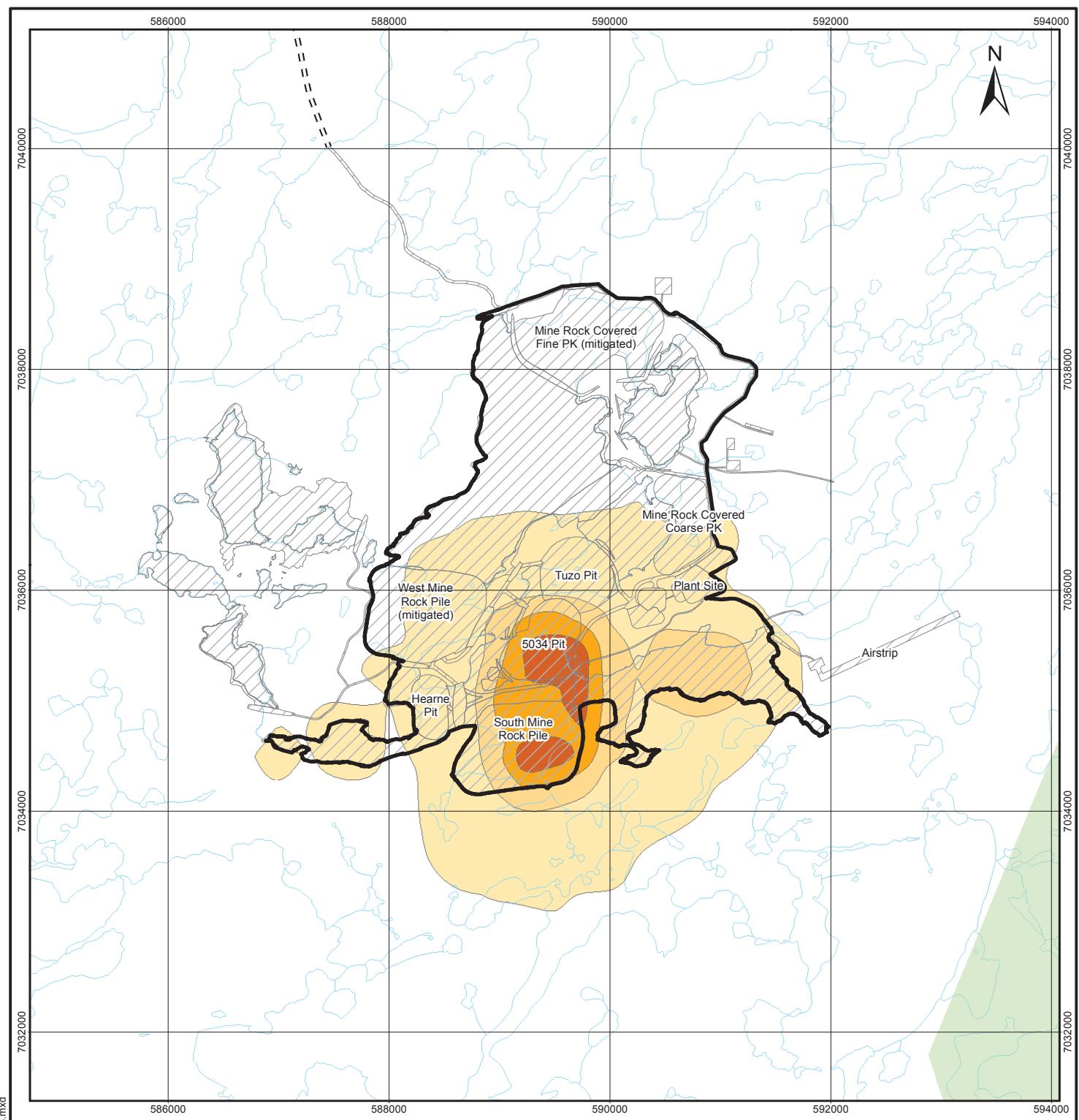


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- = Proposed Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Development Area Boundary
- Project Footprint
- The Study Area for a National Park on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake

NOTES

Base data source: National Topographic Base Data (NTDB) 1:50,000

Numbers of Days Exceeding Air Quality Standard

- | |
|------------|
| > 240 |
| 180 to 239 |
| 120 to 179 |
| 60 to 119 |
| 1 to 59 |
| 0 to <1 |

NWT Standard = 120 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
GNWT (2011)

GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT

Number of Days Exceeding 24-hour TSP NWT Air Quality Standard - Year 1

PROJECTION:
UTM Zone 12

DATUM:
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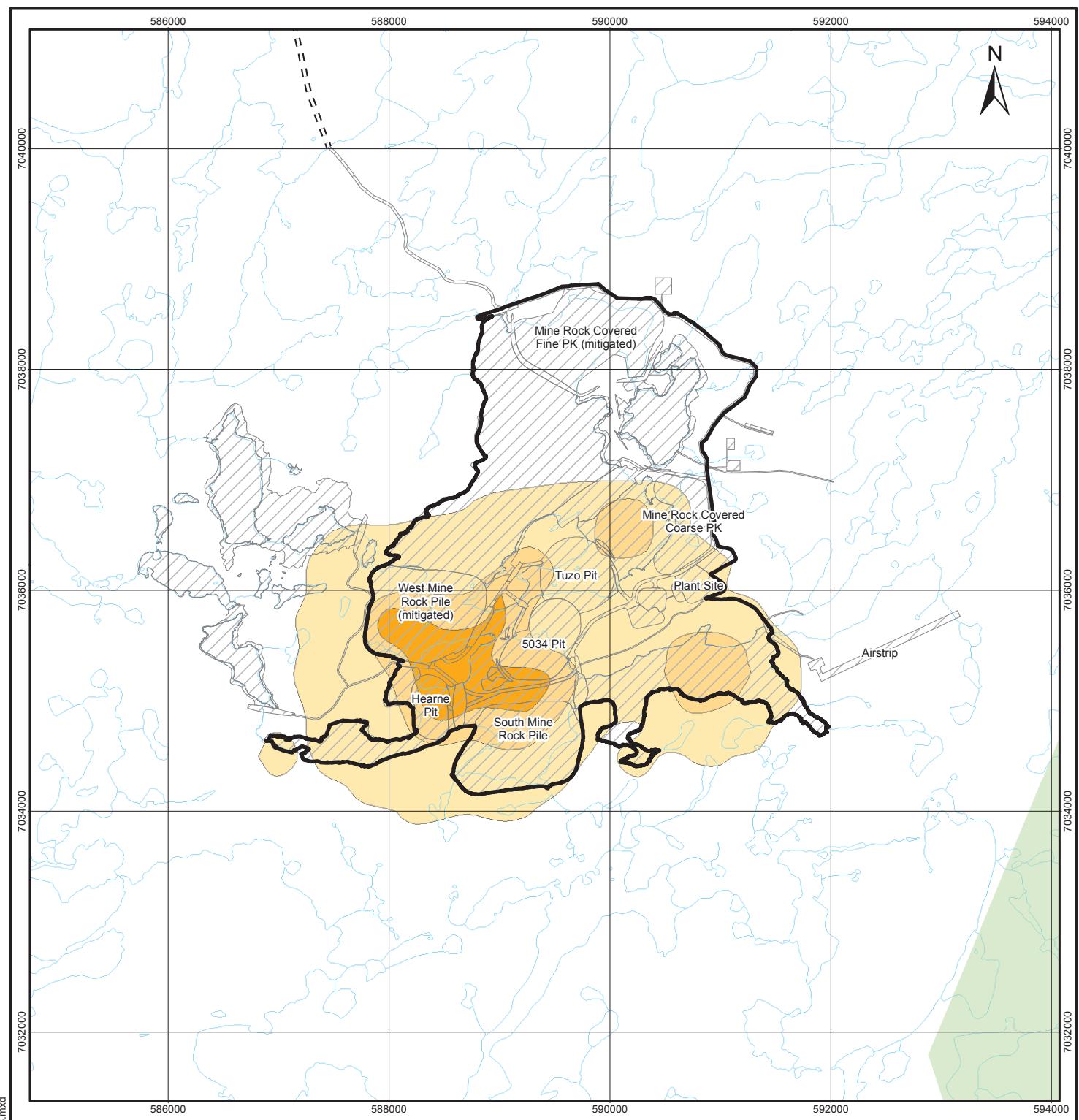
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LEGEND

- = Proposed Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Development Area Boundary
- Project Footprint
- The Study Area for a National Park on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake

NOTES

Base data source: National Topographic Base Data (NTDB) 1:50,000

Numbers of Days Exceeding Air Quality Standard

- > 240
- 180 to 239
- 120 to 179
- 60 to 119
- 1 to 59
- 0 to <1

NWT Standard = 120 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
GNWT (2011)

GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT

Number of Days Exceeding 24-hour TSP NWT Air Quality Standard - Year 5

PROJECTION:
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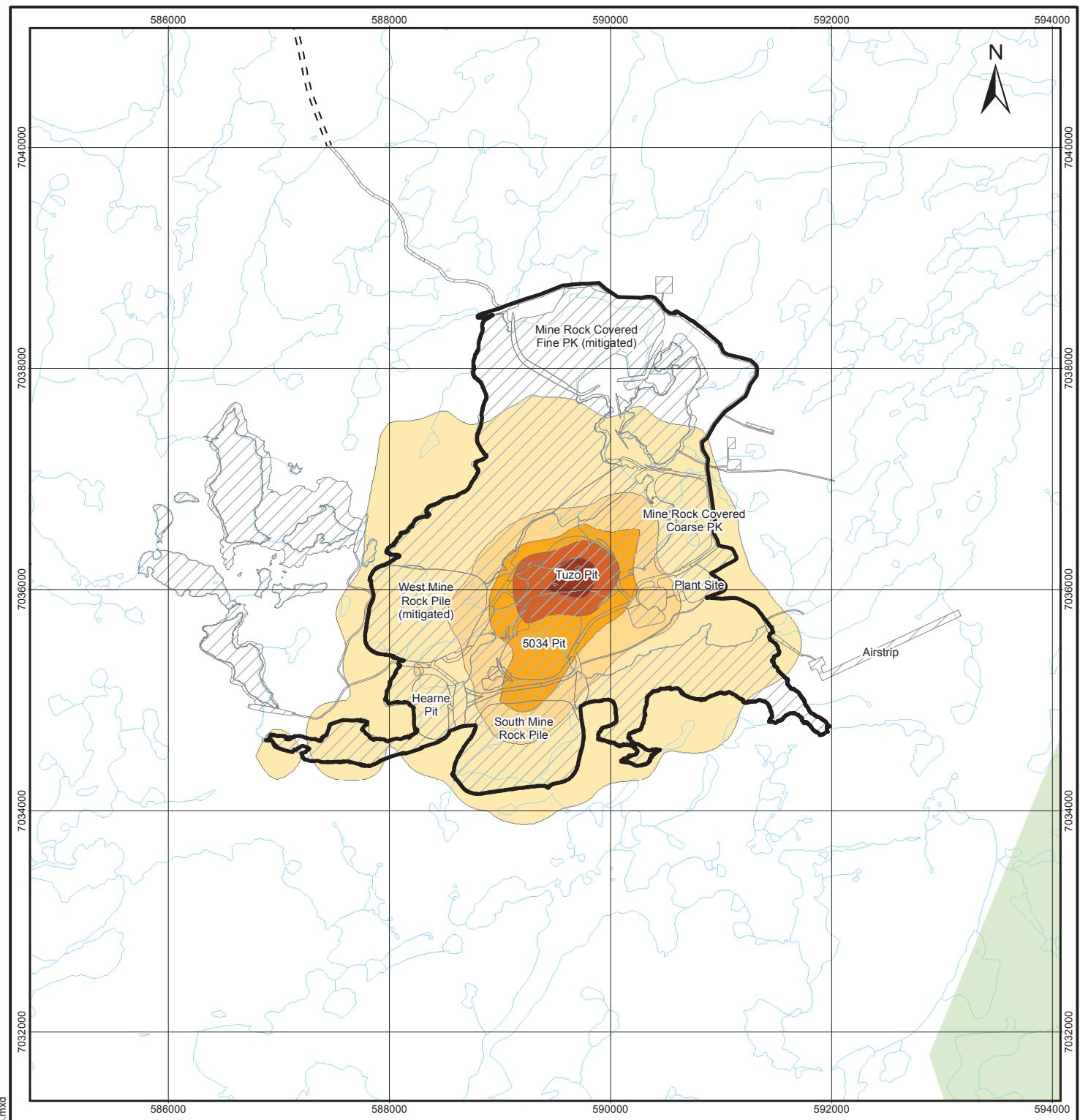
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- = Proposed Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- Development Area Boundary
- Project Footprint
- The Study Area for a National Park on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake

NOTES

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Numbers of Days Exceeding Air Quality Standard

- > 240
- 180 to 239
- 120 to 179
- 60 to 119
- 1 to 60
- 0 to <1

NWT Standard = 120 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
GNWT (2011)

GAHCHO KUÉ PROJECT

Number of Days Exceeding 24-hour TSP NWT Air Quality Standard - Year 8

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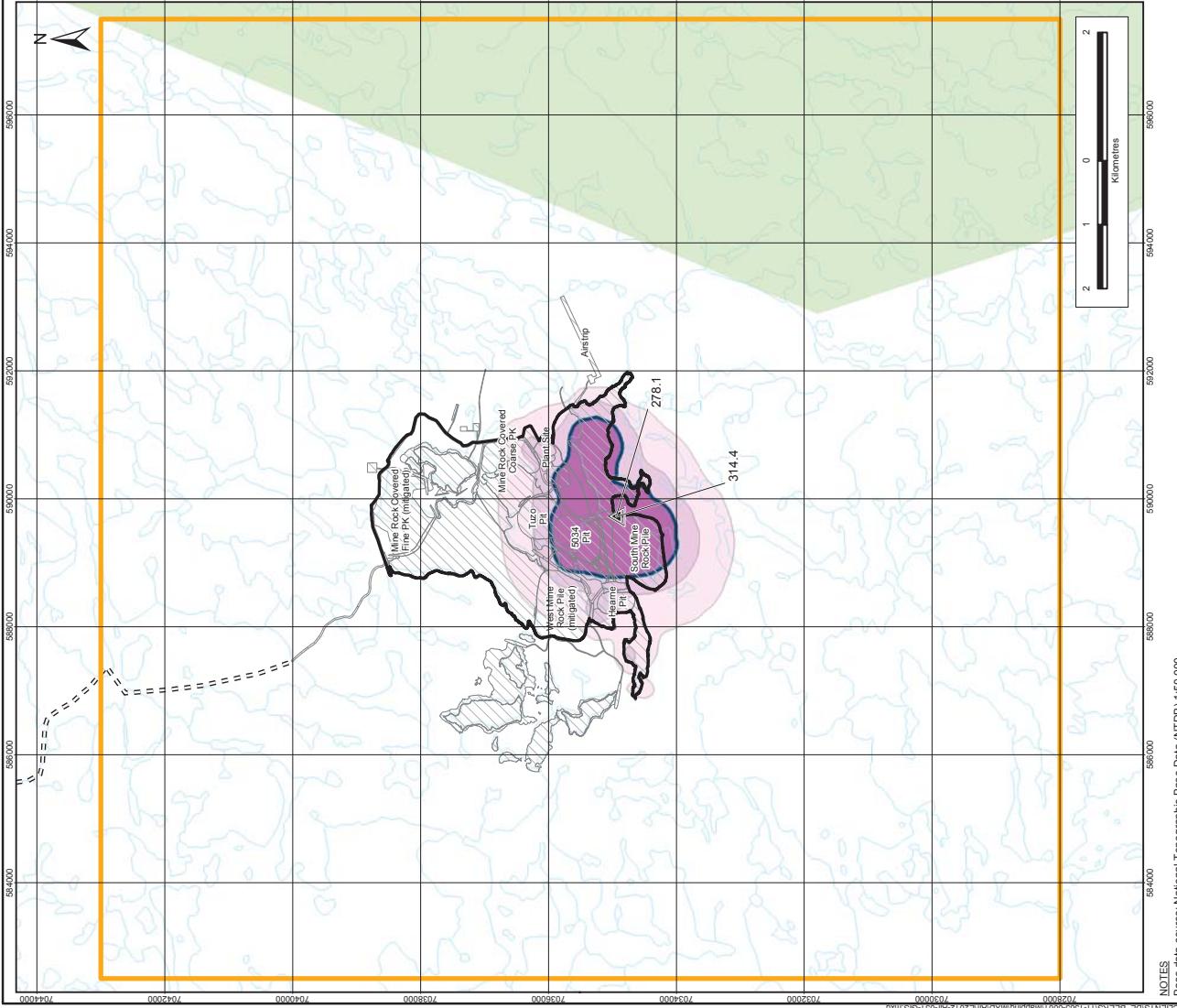
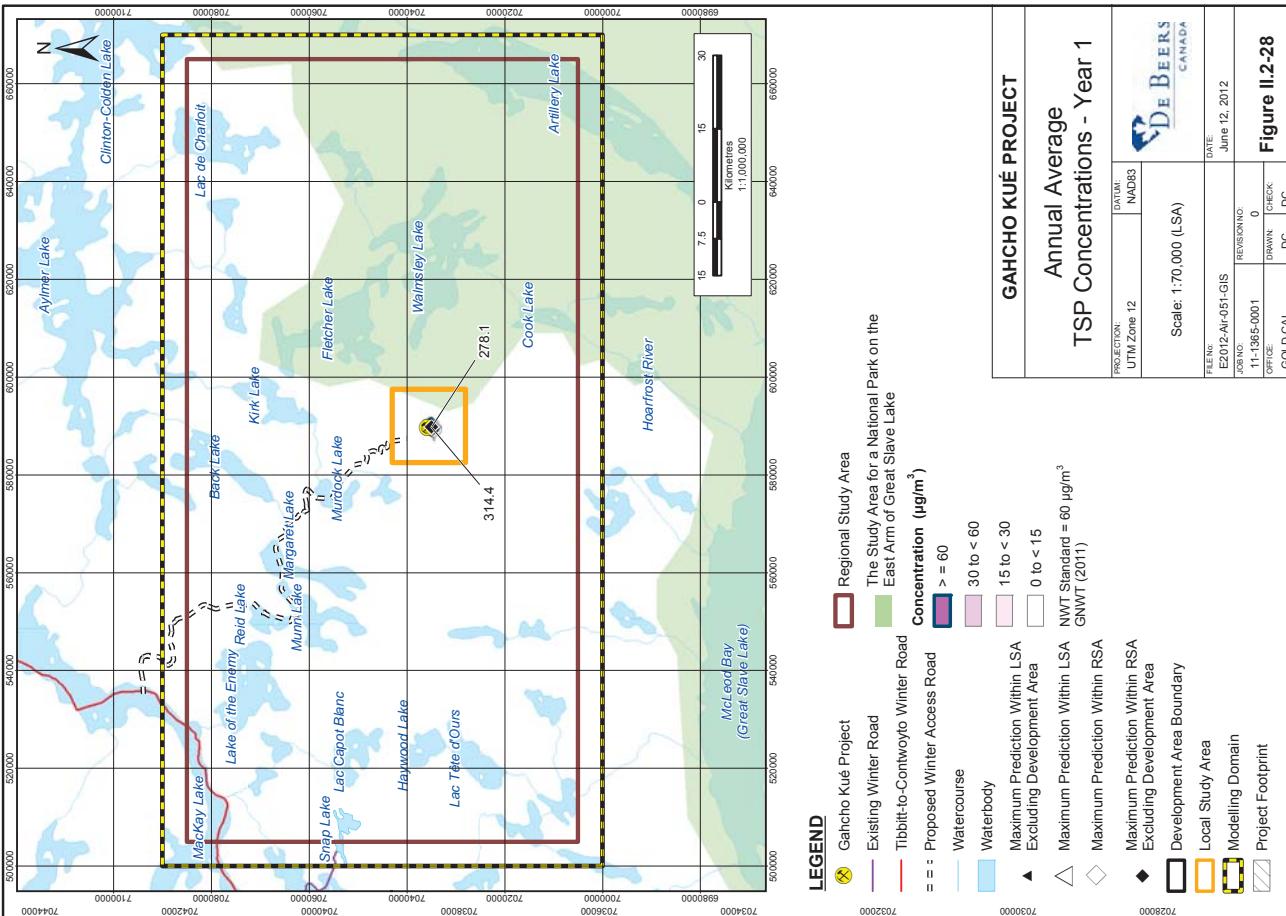


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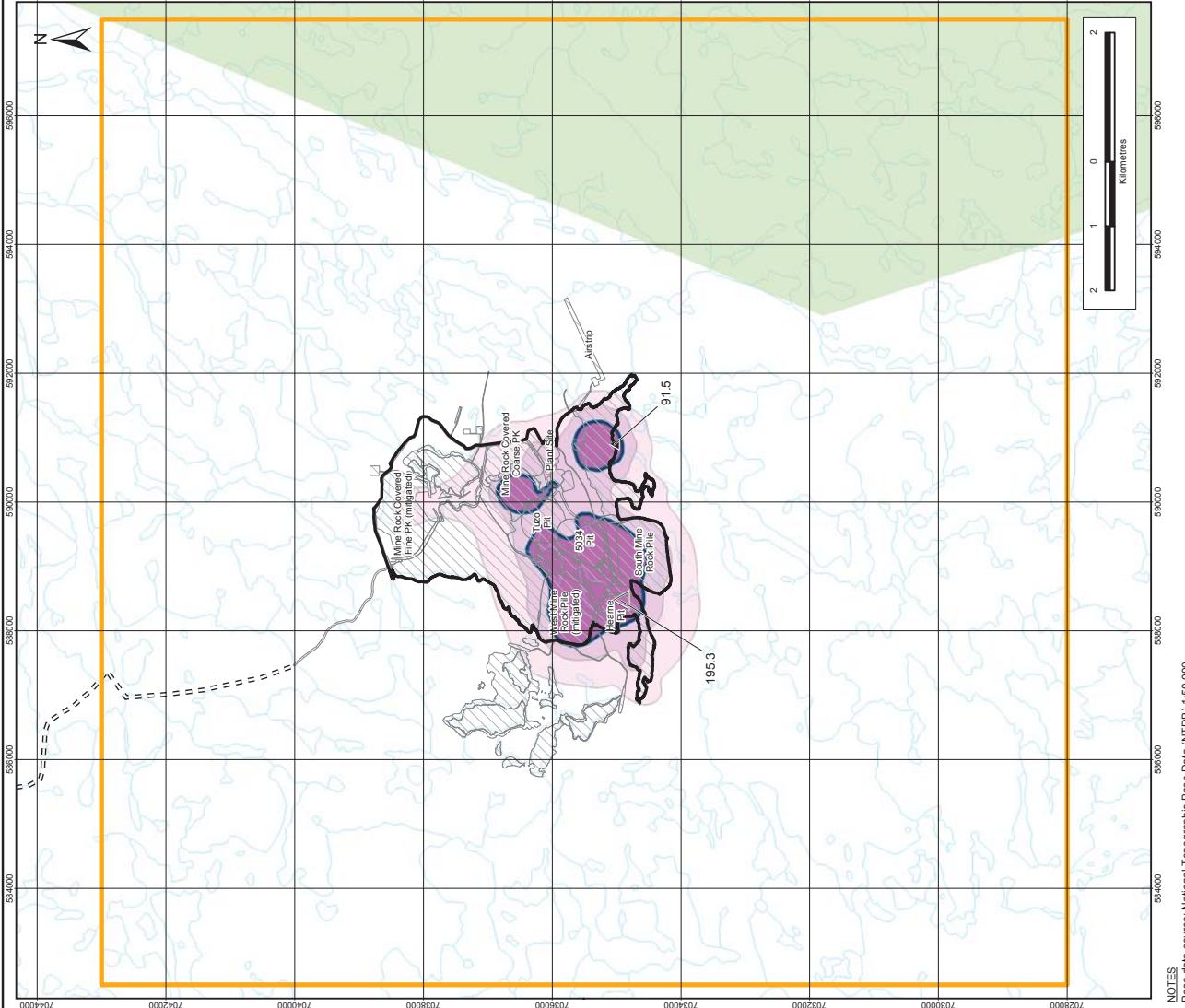
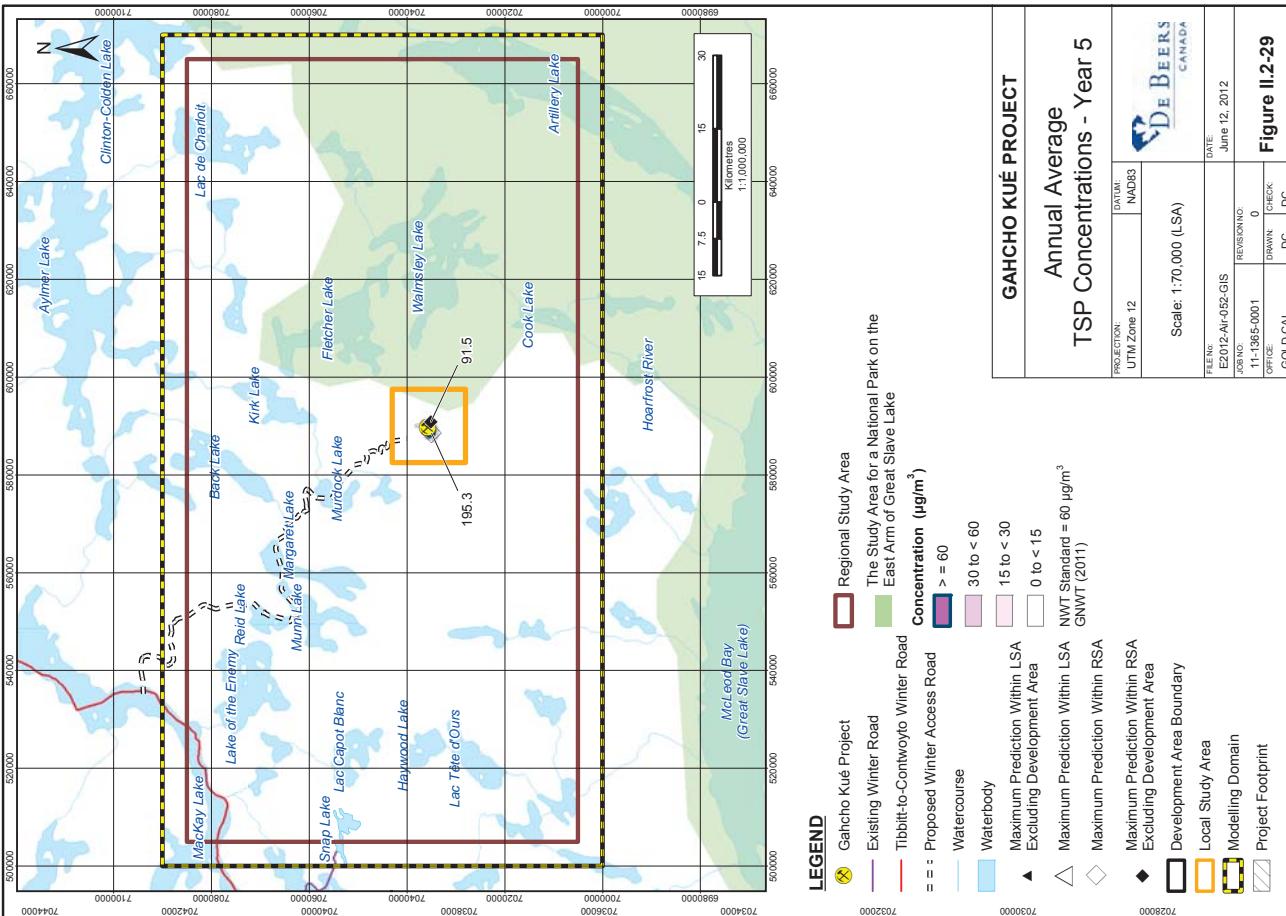


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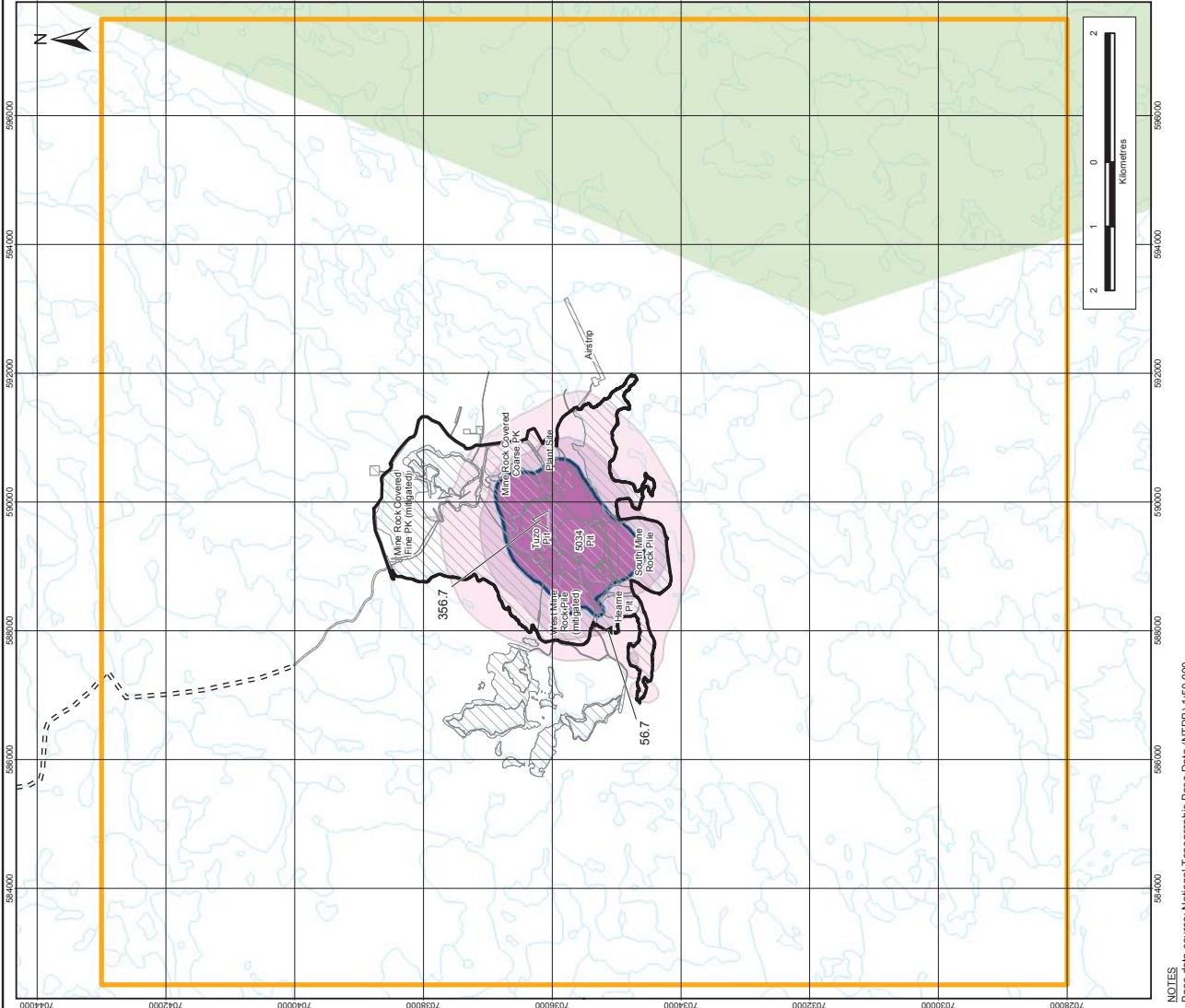
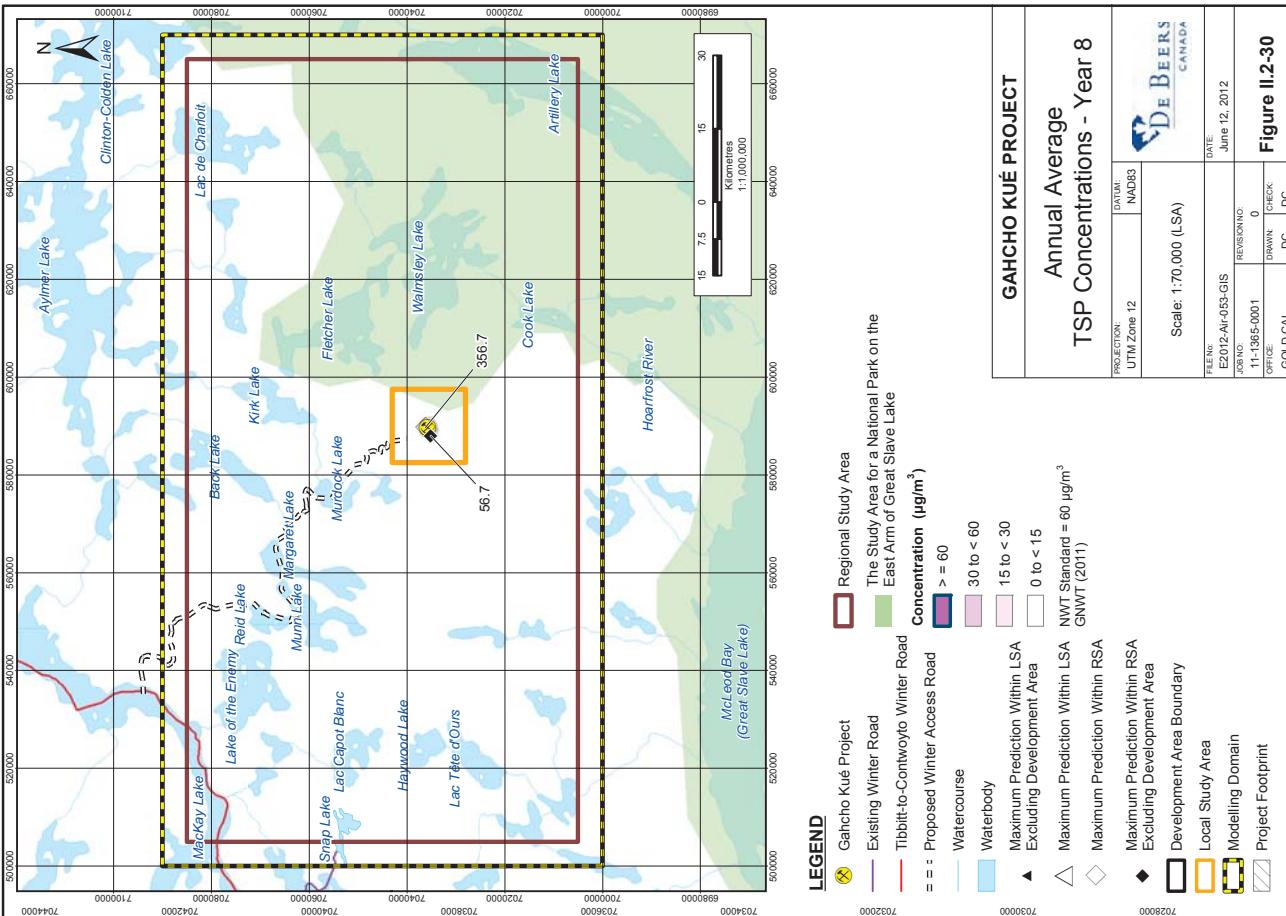


Figure II.2-30

II.3 PREDICTED AIR QUALITY AT SELECTED LOCATIONS

Tables II.3-1 to II.3-6 presented the updated Application Case predictions at the selected locations of interest.

Table II.3-1 SO₂ Predictions at Selected Locations

Location	Maximum 1-hour ^(a) (µg/m ³)		Maximum 24-hour ^(b) (µg/m ³)		Annual ^(c) (µg/m ³)	
	Baseline	Application	Baseline	Application	Baseline	Application
Warburton Bay Lodge	3.7	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6
Warburton Bay Fishing Lodge	4.1	4.1	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6
MacKay Lake Lodge	3.5	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6
Employee Camp	3.1	35.3	2.7	16.9	2.6	3.1
Proposed National Park Boundary	3.1	7.2	2.7	3.5	2.6	2.7
Development Area Boundary	3.1	43.4	2.7	33.3	2.6	4.8

(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour SO₂ is 450 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 24-hour SO₂ is 150 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(c) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for annual SO₂ is 30 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

SO₂ = sulphur dioxide; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.

Table II.3-2 NO₂ Predictions at Selected Locations

Location	Maximum 1-hour ^(a) (µg/m ³)		Maximum 24-hour ^(b) (µg/m ³)		Annual ^(c) (µg/m ³)	
	Baseline	Application	Baseline	Application	Baseline	Application
Warburton Bay Lodge	43.1	43.1	9.7	9.7	5.9	5.9
Warburton Bay Fishing Lodge	38.1	38.1	11.2	11.2	5.9	6.0
MacKay Lake Lodge	23.2	23.2	10.2	10.2	5.9	5.9
Employee Camp	11.5	234.5	7.2	170.0	5.8	55.2
Proposed National Park Boundary	12.1	101.4	7.7	54.3	5.8	9.6
Development Area Boundary	13.1	314.8	7.6	224.4	5.8	62.1

(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour NO₂ is 400 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 24-hour NO₂ is 200 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(c) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for annual NO₂ is 60 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

NO₂ = nitrogen dioxide; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.

Table II.3-3 CO Predictions at Selected Locations

Location	Maximum 1-hour ^(a) (µg/m³)		Maximum 8-hour ^(b) (µg/m³)	
	Baseline	Application	Baseline	Application
Warburton Bay Lodge	130.3	130.3	120.5	120.5
Warburton Bay Fishing Lodge	129.2	129.2	121.6	121.6
MacKay Lake Lodge	124.0	124.0	119.2	119.2
Employee Camp	118.9	1,714.6	117.9	1,249.3
Proposed National Park Boundary	118.9	344.2	118.0	215.8
Development Area Boundary	118.9	2,144.0	118.0	1,855.8

(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour CO is 15,000 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 8-hour CO is 6,000 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

CO = carbon monoxide; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.

Table II.3-4 TSP Predictions at Selected Locations

Location	Maximum 24-hour ^(a) (µg/m³)		Annual Average ^(b) (µg/m³)	
	Baseline	Application	Baseline	Application
Warburton Bay Lodge	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.1
Warburton Bay Fishing Lodge	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.1
MacKay Lake Lodge	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.1
Employee Camp	7.1	281.3	7.1	29.0
Proposed National Park Boundary	7.1	31.8	7.1	8.4
Development Area Boundary	7.1	1,307.9	7.1	278.1

(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 24-hour TSP is 120 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

(b) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for annual TSP is 60 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

TSP = total suspended particulates; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.

Table II.3-5 PM_{2.5} Predictions at Selected Locations

Location	Maximum 24-hour ^(a) (µg/m³)	
	Baseline	Application
Warburton Bay Lodge	2.1	2.1
Warburton Bay Fishing Lodge	2.1	2.1
MacKay Lake Lodge	2.1	2.1
Employee Camp	2.1	89.2
Proposed National Park Boundary	2.1	6.4
Development Area Boundary	2.2	137.7

(a) NWT Air Quality Standard (AQS) for 1-hour PM_{2.5} is 30 µg/m³ (GNWT 2011).

PM_{2.5} = airborne particulate matter of mean diameter 2.5 µm or less; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.

Table II.3-6 PM₁₀ Predictions at Selected Locations

Location	Maximum 24-hour (µg/m ³)	
	Baseline	Application
Warburton Bay Lodge	3.1	3.3
Warburton Bay Fishing Lodge	3.1	3.3
MacKay Lake Lodge	3.1	3.2
Employee Camp	3.0	171.7
Proposed National Park Boundary	3.0	22.6
Development Area Boundary	3.0	515.1

PM₁₀ = airborne particulate matter of mean diameter 10 µm or less; µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic metres.

II.4 REFERENCES

GNWT (Government of Northwest Territories). 2011. Guideline for Ambient Air Quality Standards in the Northwest Territories. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. 5 pp.

II.5 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AQS	Air Quality Standards
CO	carbon monoxide
LSA	local study area
NO₂	nitrogen dioxide gas
PM₁₀	particulate matter of particle diameter less than 10 µm
PM_{2.5}	particulate matter of particle diameter less than 2.5 µm
Project	Gahcho Kué Project
RSA	regional study area
SO₂	sulphur dioxide gas
TSP	total suspended particulates