PROJECT TIMELINE
"Highlights"

2005

January 25
Nickle Plate Mine "Blowout"; Pumping begins; OSM issues emergency contract to SPSI

February 22
BAMR issues Emergency Contract to EIS to continue pumping, conduct investigation, and develop potential solutions

March 9
Installation of piezometers within McDonald to evaluate mine pool response to pumping

March 23-24
EIS conducts 24-Hour Mine Pool Response Test to assist in determination of options

April 1 & 4
Installation of piezometers on Aloe Family property to evaluate permanent option

April 8
Test pit construction to determine location and feasibility of gravity drain; at "blowout" pumping ended

April 10-11
Temporary gravity drain installed at Test Pit 1

April 27
Plan approved; Initial construction activities commence

May 2
Installation of permanent facilities begin, includes Primary Drain, Secondary Drain, and Early Warning System

May 23
Construction completed

May 26
Press event officially announcing project completion