

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EARLY ACTIONS

As directed by the MOU Parties overseeing the implementation of the Work Plan, the Site Characterization effort was to include an identification of any restoration measures that should be considered for immediate implementation. In doing so, the consulting team evaluated several criteria:

- The specific locations where the restoration measures would be applied are readily identifiable;
- There is an obvious need for restoration measures; and
- The type of restoration activity can be identified without the benefit of the Alternatives Analysis effort.

With regard to the target restoration areas identified in the preceding chapter, none of the locations meet all three of these criteria.

The need for restoration of mine-waste deposits was determined. An identification of the deposits was conducted in a GIS map form, allowing for a prioritization of individual deposits where restoration may occur. However, the type of restoration measures that would be most appropriate for even the high priority deposits could not be developed without the benefit of an analysis of alternatives. Therefore, no recommendations for immediate restoration measures are provided.