

**SUMMARY OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
ON THE DEWATERING OF THE COPPER PIT**

*September 24, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.*

During this tenth meeting of the committee, a quick update on the progress of the project was presented. There are ten drills on site and nearly 88,000m have been drilled so far. The 2025 campaign is expected to end around December 15. In addition, biological inventories for the environmental impact assessment were started in the spring and will continue in 2026. Inventories of birds, bats, vegetation and fish have taken place so far.

In terms of dewatering, water, fish and environmental DNA samples were taken during the summer as part of the collaborative project with INRS-ETE. Copper pit water treatment tests for dewatering have established a promising Metalsorb-based protocol. The development of the dewatering concept is becoming more and more precise and promising scenarios are being studied. Finally, researchers from the National Research Council of Canada conducted a site visit with the goal of developing innovative water quality monitoring systems.

