



Table 1 – Environmental Liability for Contaminated Mine Sites in Canada (May 2017)*

	Ontario ¹	B.C. ²	QC ³	Northern Territories (Yukon, NWT, Nunavut) ⁴	Central Provinces (AB, SK, MB)	Maritime Provinces (NFL, NB, NS, PEI)	Total
Total number of mine sites (official)	> 4412 sites	> 1273 sites	> 743 sites	100 to 1020 sites ⁴	unknown	unknown	> 8500 sites
Total liability estimates (official)	> \$3.1 billion	> \$2.4 billion	> \$1.9 billion	> 1.7 billion ⁴	unknown	unknown	> 9.1 billion
Total financial securities held by governments (official)	\$1.0 billion (hard) \$0.7 billion (soft)	\$1.0 billion	\$0.7 billion	unknown	unknown	unknown	> 3.4 billion

*Includes active, inactive and abandoned sites, based on official data provided by federal, provincial and territorial government sources. 1. Source: [Ontario Auditor General Report, Decembre 2015](#). 2. Sources: [BC Auditor General Report, May 2016](#) (pp.29-30); [BC Crown Contaminated Sites Program Report 2014](#) (p.29); [BC Budget Estimates 2016-2017](#); [BC Public Accounts 2014-15](#); [BC Auditor General Report, May 2016](#); [BC Crown Contaminated Sites Program Report 2014](#); [BC Historic Mines Atlas](#); [BC Chief Inspector of Mines Report 2015](#). 3. Sources: [Restauration des sites miniers, Rapport sur les activités minières au Québec 2014](#), [Le Devoir, August 2015](#). 4. Exact numbers unknown, main source: [Audit of the Northern Contaminated Sites Program \(2014\)](#).