## Uranium mining ban extended to 1995

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Nova Scotia's ban on uranium mining and exploration has been extended to 1995. Mines and Energy Minister Jack MacIsaac said Wednesday.

However, a ban on mineral exploration on 507,360 acres of land has been lifted. Mr. MacIsaac said

had been included in the uranium mining ban, due to expire this year.

This land includes areas where concentrations of uranium were not above the danger level, or threshold value, of 100 parts per million. Higher concentrations lead to the risk of contamination.

"General exploration may now proceed for other minerals such as tin, tungsten, molybdenum and

in a government press release. It fluorspar," Mr. MacIsaac said, noting most of the lands where the exploration ban was lifted are in the west-central part of the prov-

Mr. MacIsaac said the Chamber of Mineral Resources for Nova Scotia approves of the opening of these lands, which could prompt an increase in exploration.

That could result in new investment and job opportunities in

the province.

The Mines Department first placed a ban on uranium mining and exploration in 1982 and at the same time set up a royal commission headed by provincial Judge Robert McCleave, a former Tory MP, to look at the issue.

The McCleave inquiry recommended in 1985 that a moratorium on uranium exploration continue until 1990.

The GNWT Should Follow the Province of Nova Scotia and Oppose the Exploration and Mining of Uranium

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