

## CORE-STORAGE PROGRAM, 2011

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### ABSTRACT

*The Department of Natural Resources operates six core-storage libraries located at St. John's, Springdale, Buchans, Baie Verte, Pasadena and Goose Bay. Currently, these facilities house in excess of one million metres of core samples collected from mineral exploration projects in Newfoundland and Labrador. This report summarizes activities during 2011 and presents an overview of the operations of the core-storage program.*

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### 2011 CORE-SAMPLE ACQUISITION

A total of 24 663 m of new core samples (Table 1) were added to the core collection during 2011, bringing the total core-sample collection in storage up to 1 277 068 m.

**Table 1.** New core samples added in 2011

Company	Property	Length(m)
Nortec Ventures	Tasisuak Lake	1750
Playfair Mining Ltd.	Seal Lake	155
Dept. of Natural Resources	Julienne Lake	8814
Silver Spruce Resources	Popes Hill	1100
U-Core Uranium Inc.	Lost Pond	6100
Mountain Lake Resources	Bobbys Pond	1225
Buchans Minerals	Long Range	846
Rockbridge Minerals	Cross Hills	625
Nat Noel	Betts Cove	700
New Island Resources	Tilt Cove	832
Silver Spruce Resources	Krissy Trend/Rambler	2300
Playfair Mining Ltd.	Grey River	216

Efforts to preserve core samples stored outside the various core libraries for long-term storage were continued in 2011 at the Baie Verte, Pasadena, Buchans and Springdale core libraries. More than 1500 boxes of core samples were reboxed, relabelled and organized at the various core libraries.

All core samples in Department core libraries are available for inspection by interested parties and a catalogue (in paper or digital format) of all core samples in storage is available, by request, from the Department of Natural Resources.

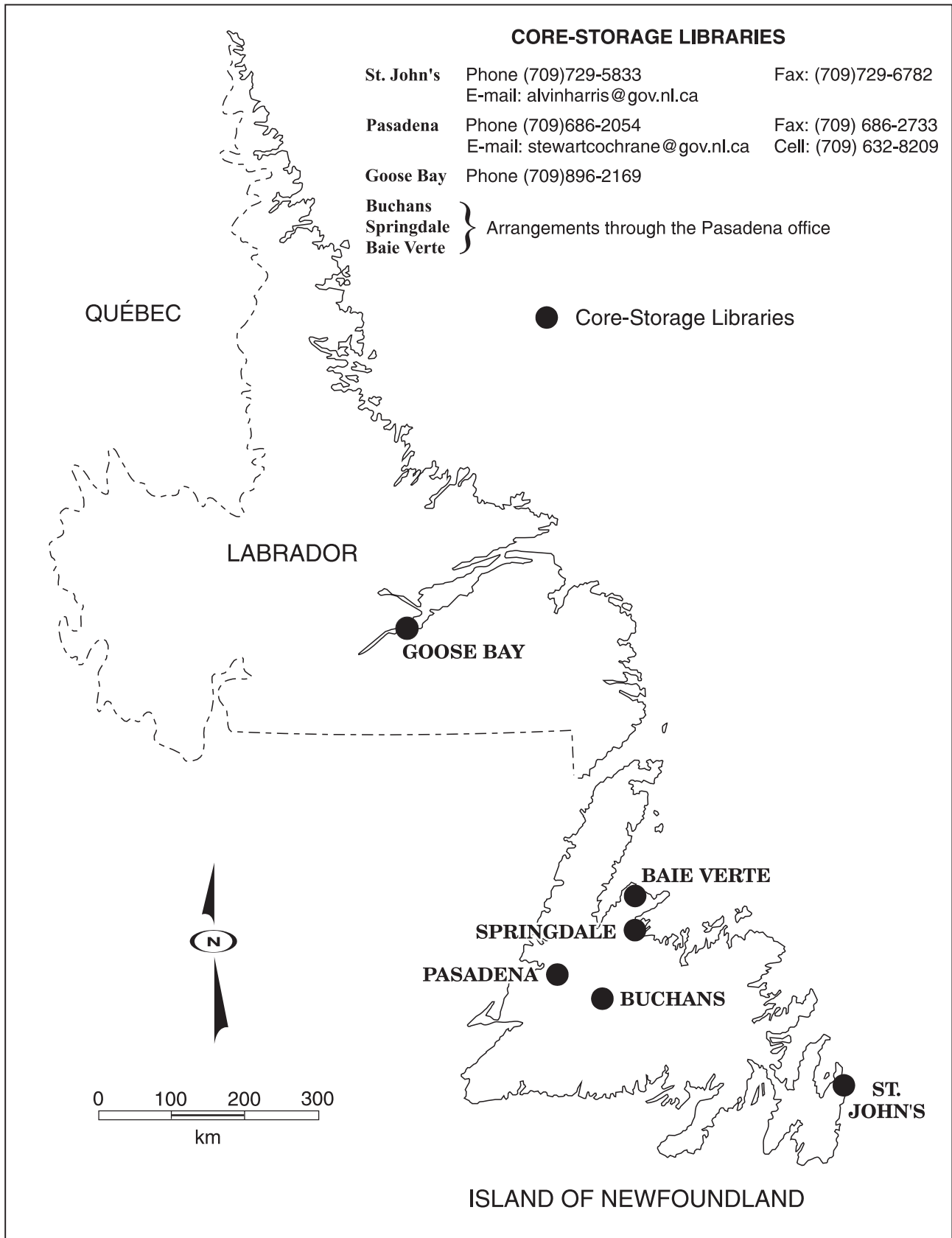
A digital database containing all relevant data available for core samples in storage can be accessed on the Department website through the Geoscience Resource Atlas at <http://gis.geosurv.gov.nl.ca/>.

### USING THE CORE LIBRARIES

Any person who wishes to visit either of the core libraries (Figure 1) for the purpose of examining core samples should provide advance notice to the person in charge of the particular core library. The Pasadena core library is staffed on a full-time basis by one employee and is open to the public during regular government office hours. Advance notice of one day is required in order to properly accommodate visitors to the Pasadena core library. Visitors to the St. John's core library should also provide advance notice of one day and advance notice of one week is required to properly accommodate visitors to the Goose Bay core library since it is not staffed on a full time basis. Visits to the Springdale, Buchans and Baie Verte core libraries require a minimum notice of two days.

The indexing system for all core samples in the core libraries is based on the National Topographic System (NTS). Each drillhole, for which there are core samples in storage, is assigned a unique master number based on the 1:50 000-scale topographic sheet on which the drillhole collar is located. Each core library contains a file of all available data, *i.e.*, drillhole logs, cross-sections, and assay results for all core samples stored. The company drillhole number and the assessment file in which the drilling was reported are referenced in the digital drillhole database.

All six core libraries have core examination areas which contain or share rock-cutting equipment, a core splitter and a stereomicroscope with another core library.



**Figure 1.** Core libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The taking of samples is generally permitted where doing so does not destroy any lithological sequence or leave gaps in the drillhole record. The smallest size sample that is useful is taken and the minimum amount of core that must be left in each core box is a one quarter size split of the original core. The user must complete a 'Request to Sample Form' (Appendix 1) before sampling is permitted. All core samples, pulps, powders, thin sections, and any other materials generated from the core samples must be returned (along with a copy of the results of any work done on the samples) to the core library within one year from the date the samples were taken. The user shall be responsible for costs incurred in returning samples to the core library.

### PLANS FOR 2012

Plans for 2012 include continuation of the core-collection effort to obtain representative core samples from selected drilling projects in Labrador and ongoing core collection in insular Newfoundland as required. The ongoing effort to preserve core samples that have been stored outdoors at the various core libraries will continue at the Springdale, St. John's and Pasadena libraries.

Updates to the drillhole database will be made on a regular basis as new core is added to the core libraries.

The St. John's, Springdale, Baie Verte and Pasadena core libraries are filled to capacity and new core samples are

not being accepted at these facilities. Any company wishing to claim assessment credits for delivering core samples to Department core libraries (in insular Newfoundland) must deliver the samples to the Buchans core library. In Labrador, core samples may be delivered to the Goose Bay core library.

Anyone requiring further information on the core-storage program or wish to visit either of the core libraries should contact the staff listed below.

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**APPENDIX 1**

CORE-STORAGE UNIT

Request to Sample Core

USER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK TO BE CONDUCTED  
ON SAMPLES: \_\_\_\_\_

DRILLHOLE NOS: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE INTERVALS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE AND SHAPE OF SAMPLES: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST DENIED/GRANTED (REASON): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CORE-STORAGE GEOLOGIST: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** All core samples and/or pulps, powders and thin sections, etc., generated from core samples must be returned to the core library at the end of a previously specified period. A copy of all assays and other analytical work conducted on the samples is also required at the end of this period.

RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_