

Group 5: Fort Chipewyan, Alberta (Answer Key)

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1. What has been found in wild foods in the Fort Chipewyan area? **Heavy metals, mercury, arsenic**
 - a. Where are the pollutants from? **Kearl Oil sands**
 - b. What is the community being afflicted with? **Cancer**
 - c. How did the Alberta government respond to the study? **They said it was not from the oilsands but the health habits of the community (ex: lung cancer was due to smoking)**
2. What effect do the oil sands projects have on the environment? **Decimation of caribou and bison territory**
3. Why did the Mikisew Cree buy shares in Suncor? **They don't want to be left behind, and want to be able to have a say in what the company does. Also the only jobs in the area are in the oilsands.**