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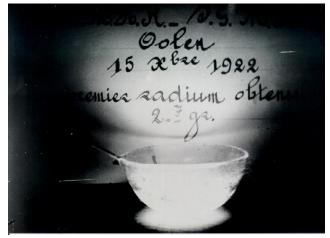


Radium was produced in Olen for it's radioactive properties from $1922 - \pm 1970$ and was the only available treatment for cancer.

Half of radium worldwide (± 5 kg) has been produced in Olen.



Radium in tubes, needles, 'plaques' for radiotherapy usage



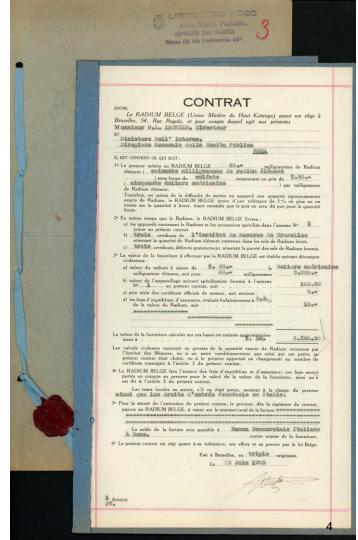
First grammes of Radium produced in Olen in 1922

History: radium sales

1928 contract of radium sale between 'Le Radium Belge (UM de Haut Katanga)' & Ministere Dell Interne – Italy: Contract for sale of 60 mg Ra; 50 \$/mg

Sale price up to 150.000 \$/g

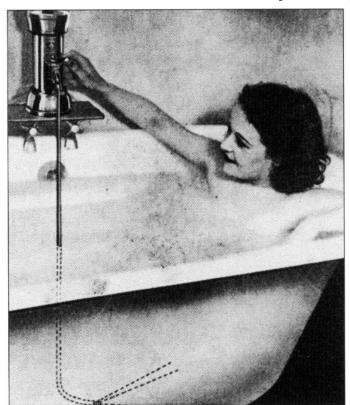




History: radium as a cure for everything



Bain radioactif. Dans la cure balnéaire, l'eau du réservoir était vidée dans la baignoire pleine au moyen d'un tube en caoutchouc allant jusqu'au fond de la baignoire dans laquelle le patient se trouvait déjà. Il était conseillé d'y rester quinze à vingt minutes sans bouger, le corps et les membres devant être immergés complètement de manière à ce que le menton affleure légèrement la surface de l'eau. Il fallait éviter tout mouvement pour empêcher les pertes d'émanation qui se produisaient. Les portes et les fenêtres de la salle de bain devaient être maintenues fermées dans le même but. Après le bain, un repos complet d'un quart d'heure était conseillé.





Flacon contenant du Radithor, une panacée censée soigner toutes les maladies.

History: radium as a cure for everything



Radiophan

Combinazione efficacissima di « Atophan » e Radium

CALMA I DOLORI E GUARISCE

INDICAZIONI: Gotta acuta e cronica; tutte le forme di reumatismo; nevralgie, in particolare del trigemino e dello sciatico; ipertrofia della prostata; tutti i processi infiammatori (per esem-



pio, l'infiammazione acuta e cronica della vescica biliare); pieliti; artriti, infiammazioni e coliche biliari, ecc.

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(source : FANC presentation EMRAS WG 10/2011)

Legacy: overview



UMTRAP storage	Under control of FANC	Built in the 80s for radioactive waste from former production
Bankloop storage	Under control of FANC/OVAM	Built in 2006 for waste from remediation of Bankloop stream banks
Temporary storages (LRA)	Under control of FANC/OVAM	Built between 2013 and now to store low RA on site earth movements
D1 landfill	Vision note remediation	Residues non ferrous + radium extraction, rubbles from dismantling Ra facility
S1 landfill	Vision note remediation	Residues non ferrous extraction + some sediments dredged from Bankloop
Contamination on plant	Vision note remediation	Patchy contamination

UMTRAP D1 BL storage S1





LRA & Site



- Remediation & Construction: 1984 1986.
- 75.000 tonnes of contaminated materials containing ± 1 kg Radium:

Ra-needles (19.2% of the total Ra-226 content)

Tailings (67,6%)

Ra-containing residues (10.9%)

contaminated soil (2.3%)

- Waste encapsulated in ± 6.000 tonnes of concrete covered with Cu-foil.
- Multi-layer cover of 100.000 tonnes of which 1/3 is clay (1m).



- Monitoring obligations & programme:
 - Radon emanation, monitoring of groundwater quality; yearly report to FANC.
 - ERT and groundwater level monitoring to assess integrity of the concrete and clay layer.
- Licensed facility since 10 July 1991.

















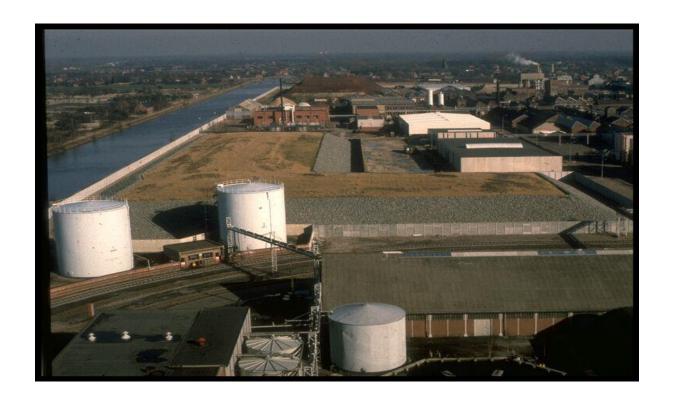










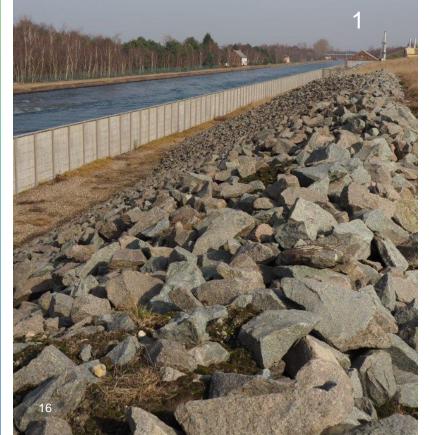




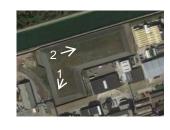






















Legacy: Bankloop storage facility



- Constructed 2007 2008, commissioner OVAM (fund project : "Sanering Bankloop").
- Contains ± 30.000 m³ contaminated soils from facility location and Bankloop remediation works; average Ra concentration : 3 Bq/g.
- Licensed facility (class II) until December 2015 including monitoring programme (visual inspection, background radiation, GW monitoring both chemical and radiation, Rn monitoring).





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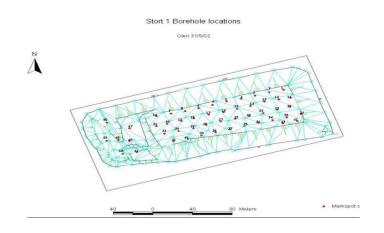




Legacy: S1 (built 1925 – 1955)



- Volume: 207.000 m³
- Production residues from Cobalt refining process + radium contaminated dredging sludges.
- ± 10% of total volume has radiological contamination.
- Remediation project foreseen in 'OVAM convenant' and in Vision Note.
- Under BSP: Drain to prevent contaminated GW from off site migration, GW monitoring.





Legacy: S1





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Legacy: D1 (built 1955 – 196x)



- Started with filling of a previous sand excavation pit with sludge from cobalt production (iron hydroxide and CaSO4).
- Gravel applied to create road for lorries on D1 included rubbles from first phase of dismantlement radium facility (1955 – 1960).
- 130 000m³ waste (Fe(OH)3, Gypsum) with heterogeneous radioactive contamination on a 10 ha surface: average 8.8 Bq/g radium.
- Daily surveillance integrity of fence; regular control by FANC.
- Under BSP/OVAM obligations.





Legacy: D1







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Legacy: site



- Scattered contamination; estimated volume: 50.000 m³.
- Point of attention during infrastructure works on-site (LRA's to store this material).
- To be remediated.
- Exact volume assessment is currently ongoing.

Legacy: Site & LRA





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Future: vision note



- Early 2020, FANC together with NIRAS presented a vision note about the long-term strategy to tackle the RA legacy in Olen.
- The main provisions in the note are:
 - Material <15 Bq/g can be stored in a convential above ground landfill.
 - Material 15> Bq/g and <1000 Bq/g is to be stored in an underground repository (roof at approx. 10m bgl)
 - Material >1000 Bq/g : deep burial
 - UMTRAP is out of scope.
- Exact volume assessment is currently ongoing.
- Working groups (Umicore, FANC, NIRAS, OVAM) are meeting on a regular basis to prepare the road map.

Communication with our stakeholders



Neighbours: we foster a good relationship and an open dialogue with our neighbours

- Structural communication with our neighbours: <u>magazine</u> (2 x / year)
- Ad hoc communication: letters on different topics (eg. construction works on site potentially creating nuisance, windmills, open house, ... including the coverage of RTBF)
- Site visits
- Free phone number 24/7 0800 90 212
- Neighbourhood survey (every 4 years 2010-2014-2018, conducted by Thomas More): focusing on knowlegde of, attitude towards and communication of Umicore:
 - Umicore is again seen as the company making the most environmental efforts
 - Neighbours feel that Umicore is making sufficient efforts towards the safety of local residents and employees
 - Neighbours believe that they are well informed by Umicore

Local authorities: open dialogue with the environmental lead & mayor (2 x year)



Communication related to RTBF coverage



- Alignment with local authorities: neighbors are aware
- Letter to neighbours
- Additional communication on the spot

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