Case Study: 2026 Saskatchewan Potash Mine Turnaround

Overview

The 2026 Turnaround at a premier potash mining operation in Saskatchewan stands as a defining milestone in operational excellence, safety, and cross-provincial teamwork for GFL Environmental Services.

The Challenge & Rapid Scale-Up

While the local Regina, Saskatchewan team typically operates with a core group of 40 to 45 personnel, this high-stakes project required scaling up to 90 team members over a tight two-week window.

> "It was an all-hands-on-deck effort, and the teams executed their duties seamlessly and safely."
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> — **Ray Poppl**, GFL Regional Vice President

Cross-Regional Collaboration & Scope of Work

GFL's broad network is uniquely suited to this type of project, drawing specialized expertise and equipment from GFL business units across Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. Working together, these regional teams executed a broad scope of industrial services:

- **Vessel & Tank Cleaning:** Critical maintenance ensuring optimal operational integrity.
- **High-Pressure Washing & Vacuum Truck Operations:** Efficient removal and transport of site materials.
- **Fluid & Solids Management:** Specialized slurry and water handling.
- **Confined Space Operations:** High-risk cleaning executed under strict safety protocols.

Key Results & Impact

Safety remained the top priority at every stage of execution:

- **Zero Incidents:** Completed the intensive two-week project with a flawless safety record.
- **Sustained Success:** Marked the **seventh consecutive successful turnaround** for the facility.
- **Stronger Partnerships:** Further solidifying a long-standing foundation of trust with key industrial mining partners.