

Tailings Management

KINROSS

SUSTAINABILITY

Our Responsibility

We have a responsibility to manage the waste rock and tailings produced at our mining operations safely. Our priority, and that of all of our stakeholders, is the responsible stewardship of these wastes to ensure that the environmental effects are minimized and the potential impacts do not pose a risk to people, the environment and wildlife at our operations, and in the local community.

Our Commitment

We are committed to managing our tailings at our operations to best-in-class standards, including [Principle 8 - Environmental Stewardship of the Responsible Gold Mining Principles](#), the Mining Association of Canada's guidance and the International Commission on Large Dams, and incorporate best practices such as periodic independent reviews and detailed Operating, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manuals.

Our Approach

Our tailings management standards are applied at all Kinross sites across all stages of mine life - design, construction, operation and closure. All of our facilities are required to be:

- Strong and physically stable under all anticipated climatic and operational conditions
- All major dams are either modified centerline or downstream design and not constructed from tailings sands
- Designed, constructed and managed to meet or exceed regulatory and international standards of best practice. Our criteria for site selection and for protecting the environment exclude the use of submarine or riverine tailings disposal methods
- Chemically stable so that the quality of the seepage or surface run-off does not endanger ground and surface water, human health or the environment
- Ready for closure and in compliance with the laws and regulations of the jurisdictions where they are located

Our tailings management program is rooted in technical excellence and a rigorous system of oversight, accountability and third-party independent review of our facilities.

Responsibility for the safe design and operation of tailings facilities resides with the General Manager of each of our sites, who in turn designates a "Responsible Person" to coordinate the daily management of all aspects of tailings facilities including tailings disposal, water management, construction, monitoring, reclamation and closure.

Our "Tailings Scorecard" is a core strength of our corporate program. Prepared quarterly, each scorecard provides a comprehensive and transparent account of tailings operations, management and identifies potential risks associated with Kinross' tailings facilities, ensuring corporate-wide oversight and accountability. The Tailings Scorecard is based on site-specific key performance indicators including tailings deposition, water management, monitoring data, construction progress and closure planning. The Tailings Scorecard is reviewed by Kinross' Chief Technical Officer and reviewed at the Board level by the Corporate Responsibility and Technical Committee.



To learn more about oversight of our tailings programs and current tailings management facilities, see [Kinross' Responsible and Safe Tailings Management](#) and our most recent [Sustainability Report](#).