

Our Responsibility

We have a responsibility to manage the wastes produced by our mining operations in a manner that protects the environment, our workforce, and local communities. We adhere to the waste hierarchy guiding principles, including to avoid, reduce, reuse, recycle, energy recovery, and disposal. We strive to reduce our environmental footprint with regards to waste generation, storage, and disposal.

Our Commitment

Managing the waste generated at our sites is fundamental to our commitment to environmental stewardship. Through our <u>Safety and Sustainability Policy</u> and, under our commitment to the **World Gold Council's Responsible Gold Mining Principles – Principle 8,** Environmental Stewardship, we are committed to identifying, managing, avoiding, and mitigating the potential risks associated with the mineral waste, and the hazardous and non-hazardous wastes we generate at our sites.

Responsible Gold Mining Principle8.1 Managing environmental impacts
8.2 Tailings and waste management
8.3 Cyanide and hazardous materials

Our Approach

We assess and manage our waste in conformance with applicable regulatory systems and programs and look for opportunities to implement sustainable practices in waste management. Our mining operations produce a range of mineral wastes including tailings and waste rock, as well as non-mineral wastes. To learn more about our approach to tailings management, see <u>Tailings Management</u>.

Waste Rock

Generation of waste rock is part of the mining cycle, allowing metal-bearing ores to be exposed and mined. Our focus is on the responsible stewardship of these wastes, minimizing the potential environmental effects and ensuring that they do not pose risk to our employees, the environment, and the local community. All our operating mines are required to maintain Geological Materials Management Plans (GMMPs) as part of our Environmental Management System (EMS). Our primary focus is on the physical and chemical stability of the waste rock we produce and manage, including the following key measures:

- Extensive studies to characterize the geological materials that will be exposed to weathering by our activities and the potential for acid rock drainage (ARD) and metal leaching (ML) beginning during geological exploration.
- Integration of management plans for the prevention of ARD/ML into site operations and mine closure planning during the feasibility phase for a project.
- Development of GMMPs prior to active mining proceeding, as a requirement at all sites to ensure that waste rock can be technically, economically, and safely managed. This includes separation of Potentially acid-generating material (PAG) and Non-acid generating material (NAG), with appropriate management and monitoring measures.
- Regular monitoring and inspection to verify that design expectations are being met.
- Reporting publicly on potential sources of ARD and ML from waste rock and tailings at our sites.

Non-mineral waste

Following our Waste Management Standard, we adhere to a waste management hierarchy to avoid, reduce, reuse, recycle, energy recovery and disposal. Materials that cannot be recycled or safely reused are disposed of in compliance with local regulations for their safe handling, transportation, and storage and in a manner that is environmentally acceptable. For our remote mine sites, offsite recycling and disposal options are often limited, which results in the on-site accumulation of wastes in storage until disposal permits are granted or opportunities for disposal off-site are available. Our operations manage a range of non-hazardous and hazardous wastes, including:

- Used batteries
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Cupels and crucibles
- Waste oils and spent solvents

- Grinding media and mill liners
- Truck tires
- Reagent packaging
- Scrap Metal



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All our operations have recycling programs in place and continue to strengthen programs to reduce and divert waste to recycling programs which have contributed to improvements in the volume of waste recycled. As an organization we are working towards elimination of single-use plastics by 2030.

Accountability and Reporting

Matters pertaining to Waste Management are managed within our Environmental Management System. Functional responsibility for waste management resides with the Vice-President, Environment. The Senior Vice-President, Technical Services has management responsibility and is a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Oversight and governance are the responsibility of the Corporate Responsibility and Technical Committee of the Board of Directors.

We report annually on Kinross' management and performance of mineral wastes, non-hazardous and hazardous wastes in our Sustainability Report.







To learn more about performance and initiatives to manage waste, see our most recent Sustainability Report.



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