

Cyanide Management

Environment



Our Responsibility


Cyanide is the most efficient reagent available for the dissolution and extraction of gold during ore processing. However, due to its hazardous characteristics above specific threshold concentrations, we have a responsibility to ensure that stringent controls are always in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Our Commitment

We are a signatory to the International Cyanide Management Code for the Manufacture, Transport, and Use of Cyanide in the Production of Gold (Cyanide Code), which is a voluntary, performance driven, certification program of best practices for the management of cyanide.

The Cyanide Code provides comprehensive guidance for best practice in the use and management of cyanide at gold mines around the world and reaches beyond the requirements of most governments and regulatory agencies.

Kinross is committed to Cyanide Code certification at 100% of our active mine sites. As a signatory, we agree to comply with all the Cyanide Code principles, which includes third-party, independent audits with results published on a public website administered by the International Cyanide Management Institute (ICMI). Under our commitment to the **World Gold Council's Responsible Gold Mining Principles – Principle 8 – Environmental Stewardship**, we are also committed to ensuring that our standards and practices relating to transport, storage, use and disposal of cyanide are aligned with the Cyanide Code.

Responsible Gold Mining Principle	
	8.3 Cyanide and hazardous materials

Our Approach

All our active mine sites use cyanide and are certified under the International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC), with recertifications done every three years as required by the Cyanide Code. We integrate the Cyanide Code's requirements into the design of all new or expanded facilities, as well as the restart of processing facilities in care and maintenance, and routinely engage with stakeholders regarding our cyanide management practices at our sites. All Kinross sites understand and adjust their cyanide use to avoid excessive consumption.

Accountability and Reporting

Responsibility for managing and mitigating the risks of cyanide use, and compliance with the Cyanide Code resides at the site level, and functional responsibility rests with the Vice-President, Environment and the Vice-President, Global Health and Safety. Management responsibility resides with the Senior Vice-President, Technical Services and the Executive Vice-President, Chief Operating Officer.

Oversight and governance are the responsibility of the Corporate Responsibility and Technical Committee of the Board of Directors. Compliance is reported to the Corporate Responsibility and Technical Committee of the Board.

Kinross reports on the status of Cyanide Code certification, as well as performance relating to cyanide use in our annual Sustainability Report.



To learn more about cyanide use at Kinross, see our most recent [Sustainability Report](#).