

Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management

Strengthening current practices in the mining industry by integrating social, environmental and technical considerations, the Standard covers the entire tailings facility lifecycle – from site selection, design and construction, through management and monitoring, to closure and post-closure.

With an ultimate goal of zero harm to people and the environment, the Standard sets a global benchmark for achieving strong social, environmental and technical outcomes. It elevates accountability to the highest organisational levels and adds new requirements for independent oversight. The Standard also establishes clear expectations around transparency and public disclosure, helping to improve understanding by interested stakeholders.

Comprising six Topic areas, 15 Principles and 77 auditable Requirements, the Standard provides a framework for safe tailings facility management while affording Operators flexibility as to how best to achieve this goal.

