

## MABC Environmental Principles

The Mining Association of British Columbia (MABC) recognizes that environmental stewardship is an important aspect of the mining and processing industries. As leaders, the MABC supports the mining and processing industries' responsibility to manage environmental protection systems for present and future generations. MABC members are committed to maintaining, improving and promoting innovative and feasible standards of excellence in environmental performance, throughout all stages of the mine and processing life cycles, including: exploration, development, operations, reclamation and closure.

In conducting their activities, MABC members will strive to:

1. Communicate these guiding principles and our collective commitment to respect and care for the environment to our members, communities of interest, indigenous peoples, relevant regulatory agencies and international stakeholders.
2. Ethically manage their activities to ensure compliance with applicable permits, laws and regulations. In the absence of specific regulations, members will adopt best management practices to reduce environmental impacts and to promote sustainable development initiatives.
3. Undertake environmental assessments of, and consultation on, mine and processing projects in an effective, efficient and transparent manner, thereby developing projects expeditiously while maintaining the public trust.
4. Utilize environmental management systems that ensure identification of environmental impacts, effective implementation of mitigation, follow-up monitoring, emergency planning and response, auditing, reporting and continual improvement in all areas.
5. Efficiently manage energy, resources and materials and prevent pollution of the air, land, or water by implementing scientifically-proven and economically-feasible technologies during all phases of the mining and processing cycles.
6. Allocate appropriate resources to meet environmental obligations during all stages of the mine and processing life cycles, including: exploration, development, operation, mineral and coal processing, reclamation and closure.
7. Support efforts to remediate and mitigate historical mining impacts using a science-based approach, undertaken in a cooperative manner with relevant regulatory agencies, communities of interest and indigenous peoples.
8. Where practical and feasible, re-use and re-cycle their products and the materials used in the mining and processing process.
9. Support scientific research to improve environmental performance at their operations and to enhance the use of their products.
10. Continuously seek opportunities to improve environmental performance and regularly report progress to their fellow members, communities of interest, indigenous peoples, relevant regulatory agencies and international stakeholders.

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