

TSM Performance by Company

New Gold Inc.



New Gold is an intermediate gold producer with operating mines in Canada (New Afton Mine), the United States (Mesquite Mine), Australia (Peak Mines) and Mexico (Cerro San Pedro Mine). In addition, New Gold's principal development projects are its 100% owned Rainy River and Blackwater projects, which are both in Canada.

New Gold is committed to excellence in corporate social responsibility. The company considers its ability to make a lasting and positive contribution to host communities a key driver in achieving a productive and profitable business. New Gold contributes to sustainable development by ensuring it understands how its activities impact communities and the environment, and works to mitigate them. This approach is applied throughout the mine life cycle, from early exploration through development and operation, to decommissioning and mine closure.

New Gold is also committed to positively contributing to the mining industry. The company is a member of the World Gold Council, Business for Social Responsibility, the Mining Association of Canada, the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, the Ontario Mining Association and the Mining Association of British Columbia. It is also a member of the Mexican Mining Chamber, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico and the American Exploration and Mining Association in the United States.

New Gold is committed to achieving the highest possible level of performance for safety, environmental protection and sustainable community development. This commitment drives New Gold to seek out those standards, protocols and performance indicators that assist its people in achieving these goals. As a result, the company has adopted standards such as the International Cyanide Management Code and the United Nations Global Compact's 10 principles on human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption. New Gold has also attained ISO 14001 environmental management certification for two of its four operations, and follows the guidelines of the Global Reporting Initiative and the Carbon Disclosure Project to ensure relevant information is made known to its communities of interest.

New Gold has developed Environmental Standards and Community Engagement and Development Management Standards, which incorporate TSM requirements.



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These standards ensure that the TSM principles are applied at all New Gold operations – in Canada and abroad.

In its first year of TSM implementation, New Afton enthusiastically adopted TSM protocols, in addition to implementing ISO 14001, as it moved from the project development phase through commissioning and into production in July 2012. In 2013, New Afton completed its first full year of operation and its first year of mandatory TSM reporting.

This is New Afton’s third year of TSM reporting and the company continues to demonstrate its commitment to transparency and the TSM program. Although not required to have its results externally verified, New Gold wanted assurance that progress had been achieved in areas important to its local communities and First Nations partners. Managed Process Consulting Inc. completed a verification report, which assessed New Afton’s reported TSM performance results against the TSM performance indicators.

The scope of the review included the company’s TSM verification processes for Tailings Management, Energy Use and GHG Emissions Management, Biodiversity Conservation Management, Aboriginal and Community Outreach, Safety and Health, and Crisis Management Planning. The review was conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards consisting primarily of interviews, data analysis, and examination of other evidence relevant to management’s assertion of conformance to the requirements of the TSM performance indicators.

The results achieved in 2015 demonstrated continual improvement from the previous year’s results. Notably, New Afton has achieved significant success in tailings management – a key area of interest to the mine’s neighbours and First Nations partners. New Afton also maintained or improved its good results in Biodiversity Conservation Management, Aboriginal and Community Outreach, and Energy Use and GHG Emissions Management.

New Afton hosted its first Independent Tailings Review Board meeting within New Gold. This group is made up of experts in geotechnical engineering, hydrology and geochemistry, and provides additional peer review as well as corporate oversight of the company’s tailings facilities. This increased diligence ensures that the mine’s structures are safe because risks are understood, studied and mitigated.

To meet the requirements of the Aboriginal and Community Outreach Protocol, New Afton has successfully developed a partnership agreement with the Skeetchestn Indian Band and the Tk’emlúps te Secwepemc, and has won several awards, such as the Mining Association of BC’s 2011 Mining and Sustainability Award, the 2012 Corporate Champion for Aboriginal Business Award, and the 2013 BC Mining Human Resources Diversity Award. In 2013, New Afton met its targets and reached a Level AA or AAA in all of the protocol’s performance indicators.

In 2013, New Afton made significant progress towards achieving its vision of sustainable energy management. In early 2014, the mine was first in North America to be certified under ISO 50001 (for energy management systems). During 2015, as a result of New Afton’s energy management system, the facility was able to conserve energy, which not only saved money, but also reduced GHG emissions. New Afton expects further savings in the near future.

All of New Gold’s sites (both Canadian and international) were assessed in 2015 against the protocols for the first time. Public reporting for these facilities is being phased in and facility-level results will be included in future TSM progress reports.

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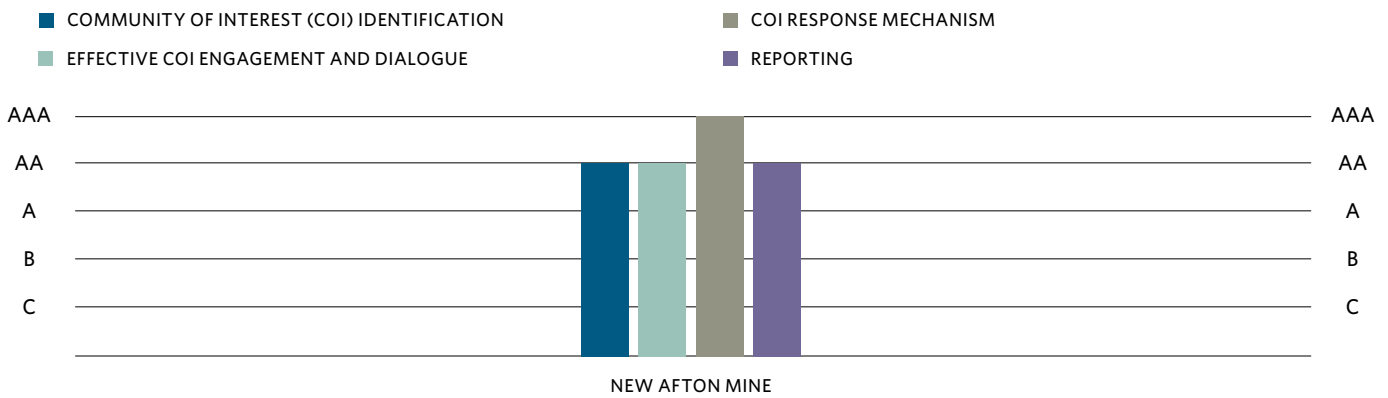
2015 TSM Results

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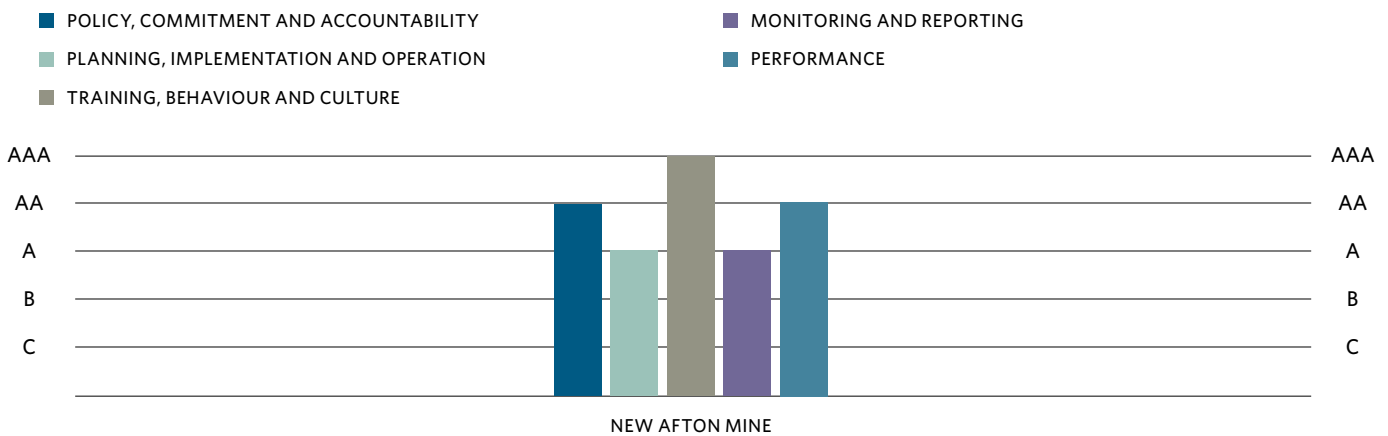
Crisis Management Planning Assessment

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Aboriginal and Community Outreach Assessment



Safety and Health Assessment



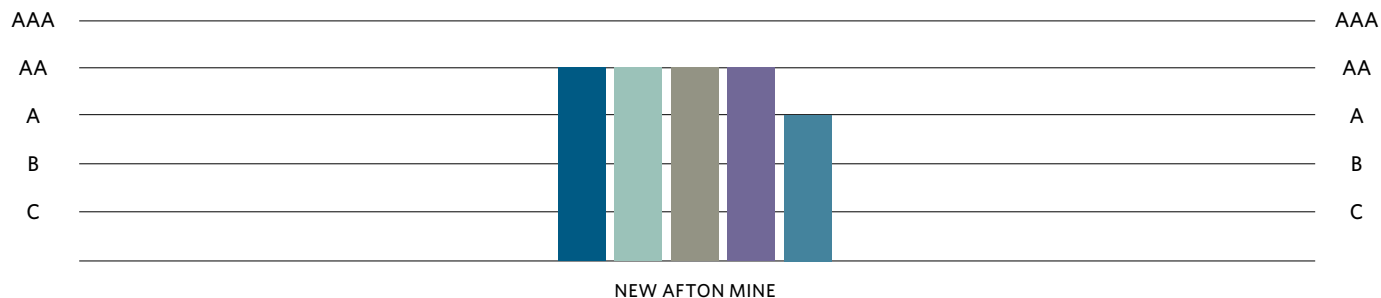
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Tailings Management Assessment

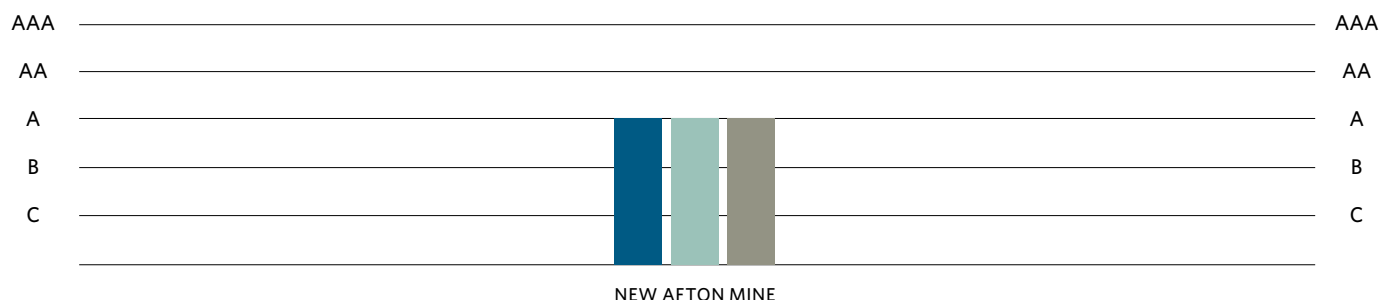
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- TAILINGS MANAGEMENT POLICY AND COMMITMENT
- TAILINGS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- ASSIGNED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAILINGS MANAGEMENT
- ANNUAL TAILINGS MANAGEMENT REVIEW
- OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND SURVEILLANCE (OMS) MANUAL



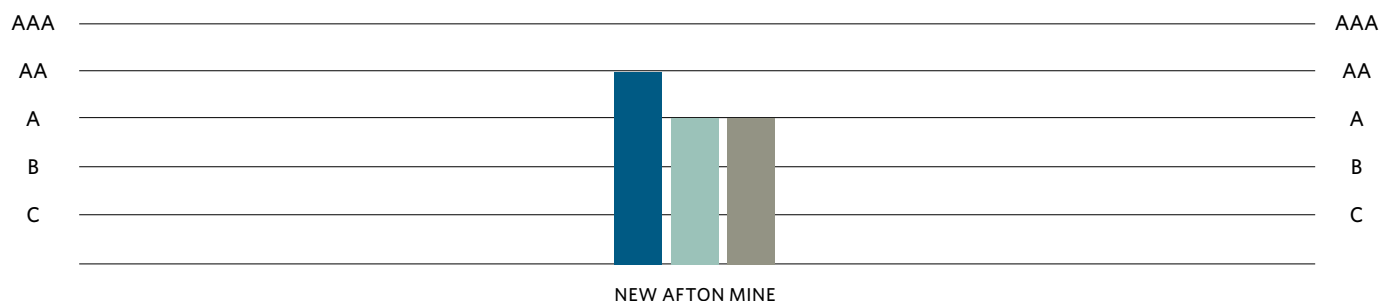
Biodiversity Conservation Management Assessment

- CORPORATE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION POLICY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNICATIONS
- FACILITY-LEVEL BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION
- BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION REPORTING



Energy Use and GHG Emissions Management Assessment

- ENERGY USE AND GHG EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
- ENERGY USE AND GHG EMISSIONS REPORTING SYSTEMS
- ENERGY AND GHG EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE TARGETS



Next external verification: 2019.

