



TSM Verification Summary Report

Facility Information

Name of company	New Gold Inc.
Name of facility	Rainy River Mine
Address	<p>New Gold's Rainy River Mine is located in the southern half of Richardson Township, approximately 65 kilometres northwest of Fort Frances in northwestern Ontario, Canada.</p> <p>The site is situated on the traditional lands of Treaty #3 Anishinaabe Communities in Northwestern Ontario.</p>
Country of operation	Canada
Products/metals produced on site	Gold, Silver
Types of operations included in scope:	
Mining	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Milling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smelting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydrometallurgical	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refining	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>please explain</i>)	
Types of infrastructure included in scope:	
Roads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rails	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>please explain</i>)	



Verifier and Verification Information

Verification firm	Envirochem Services Inc.
Confirmation that all verifiers involved in the verification are accredited TSM verifiers	Yes
Date(s) of verification activities (dd/mm/yyyy – dd/mm/yyyy)	27/02/2023 – 12/22/2023
Verification period	31/12/2022 – 12/22/2023
Summary of the verification methodology	<p>The Verification of New Gold Inc's Rainy River Mine's 2023 Self-Assessments was completed by Neil Allen of Envirochem Services Inc. (Envirochem) in accordance with MAC's requirements for completing TSM Verifications.</p> <p>Neil Allen is a Verification Service Provider (VSP) certified by the Mining Association of Canada and meets the Terms of Reference for Verification Service Providers established by the Mining Association of Canada.</p>
Summary of the verification activities	<p>The Verification took place between Monday February 27 and Friday December 22, 2023.</p> <p>It also included an assessment of the Mine's Corporate functions out of the Mine's Corporate office in Toronto, but did <u>not</u> include in-person site visit to the Corporate office in Toronto.</p> <p>Activities for the external Verification included in-person Familiarization Tours at the Rainy River mining operation week beginning February 27 2023, including tailings facilities, a review of readily available documentation, in-person and MS-Teams based interviews with key site and Corporate personnel at the Rainy River Mine, and follow-up e-mails and telephone conversations with Facility and Corporate staff between Monday February 27 and Friday December 22, 2023 including communications with relevant COIs.</p>
Was a site visit conducted?	Yes



Summary of Findings

Criterion	Rating C, B, A, AA or AAA (unless otherwise indicated)	Examples of Evidence Consulted
Biodiversity Conservation Management		
1. Corporate biodiversity conservation commitment, accountability, and communications	A	Requirements for Level A met.
2. Biodiversity conservation planning and implementation	A	Requirements for Level A met. <i>An Opportunity for Improvement was made related to the Mine's demonstrated Senior Management commitment, and a suggestion for addressing the requirements of Item 1 of Level AA of Indicator 2.</i>
3. Biodiversity conservation reporting	A	Requirements for Level A met. Note 1: <i>The latest public reporting on biodiversity conservation performance (New Gold's 2021 Annual Compliance Report Per "Provincial Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval Condition 5 EAB File # EA 05-09-02/EAIMS 13102" and "Per Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement Condition 2.3"), publicly available at the time of the 2023 Verification was available at: https://sustainability.newgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2021-Annual-Compliance-Report.pdf The latest Sustainability Report publicly available at the time of the 2023 Verification was available at: https://sustainability.newgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2021_sustainabilityreport_Social.pdf) Note 2: <i>Both reports are published each year for the previous calendar year. Reports for Calendar year will</i></i>



		be published and publicly available in 2023 as required.
Climate Change		
1. Corporate climate change management	A	Requirements for Level A met (i.e., the Verifier agreed with the Level A self-assessed for this Indicator by the Facility based on his review of additional requested information concerning items 3 and 4 of Level A of Indicator 1, which was forwarded to the Verifier via email on April 11, 2023).
2. Facility climate change management	A ↗ AA	Requirements for Level AA met (i.e., although the Mine had originally Self-Assessed the Indicator 2, Level AA Criterion: "Does the facility collaborates with COI interested in climate change as appropriate..." as "No", the Verifier re-assessed this Criterion as a "Yes" during the Verification based on his review of available evidence).
3. Facility performance targets and reporting	B	Requirements for Level B met. <i>An Opportunity for Improvement was made for meeting the Level A Item 5 requirement of Indicator 3 of the Climate Change Protocol.</i> Note: <i>The Indicator 3 (Facility Performance Targets and Reporting), Level B, item 2. Requirement that at least "...some public reporting take place on energy and/or GHG emissions..." has been addressed (for example) via publicly available Corporate reporting as required - see:</i> https://sustainability.newgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2021_sustainabilityreport_Social.pdf and https://sustainability.newgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2021_TCFD-report.pdf
Crisis Management and Communications Planning - CORPORATE (YES or NO)		
1. Crisis Management and Communications Preparedness	Y	Requirements for "Yes" met.



2. Review	Y	Requirements for "Yes" met.
3. Training	Y	Requirements for "Yes" met.
Crisis Management and Communications Planning - FACILITY (YES or NO)		
1. Crisis Management and Communications Preparedness	N ↗ Y	<p>Requirements for "Yes" met (i.e., although the Mine had originally Self-Assessed this indicator as a "No", the Verifier re-assessed the Indicator as "Yes" during his Verification based on his review of available evidence).</p> <p><i>An Opportunity for Improvement was also made related to the requirements of Criterion 6 of Indicator 1 (i.e. "...Is the Local Crisis Management and Communications Plan a controlled document..."), and the requirements of Criterion 1 of Indicator 1 (i.e. "...Have credible threats and risks been identified for the company and protocols established to address them...").</i></p>
2. Review	N	<p>Verifier agreed with the "No" self-assessed by the Facility for Indicator 2.</p> <p><i>An Opportunity for Improvement was also suggested to help improve the "No" Self-Assessed for this Indicator by the Facility to a "Yes".</i></p>
3. Training	Y	Requirements for "Yes" met.
Indigenous and Community Relationships		
1. Community of Interest (COI) Identification	AA	Requirements for Level AA met.
2. Effective COI Engagement and Dialogue	AA	<p>Requirements for Level AA met.</p> <p><i>An Opportunity for Improvement was also made related to the requirements of Level <u>A</u>.</i></p>
3. Effective Indigenous Engagement and Dialogue	AAA	<p>Requirements for Level AAA met.</p> <p><i>An Opportunity for Improvement related to the requirements of Level <u>A</u> was also made under this indicator related to the Opportunity for Improvement already made under Level <u>A</u> of Indicator 2 above.</i></p>



4. Community Impact and Benefit Management	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met.
5. COI Response Mechanism	A ↗ AA	Requirements for Level AA met (i.e., although the Mine had originally Self-Assessed the following Indicator 5, Level AA Criterion: <i>"The response mechanism is reviewed at least annually to identify opportunities for continuous improvement"</i> as "No", the Verifier re-assessed the Criterion as a "Yes" during the Verification based on his review of available evidence).
Preventing of Child and Forced Labour (Indicate YES or NO)		
1. Preventing Forced Labour	Y	Requirements for "Yes" met.
2. Preventing Child Labour	Y	Requirements for "Yes" met. <i>An Opportunity for Improvement was also made related to Items 1 and 2 of Indicator 2.</i>
Safety and Health		
1. Commitments and Accountability	AAA ↘ AA	Requirements for Level AA met (i.e., as per MAC TSM Guidance, a previous external TSM Verification may <u>not</u> be counted/credited as an External Audit for the purposes of achieving the External Audit requirements of Indicator 1, Level AAA). <i>An Opportunity for Improvement was also made under this Indicator.</i>
2. Planning and Implementation	AA ↘ A	Requirements for Level A met (i.e., as per MAC TSM requirements a previous TSM Verification may <u>not</u> be counted / credited as an Internal Audit for the purposes of achieving the Internal Audit requirements of Indicator 2, Level AA). <i>Recommendations for addressing the Gap was also made, including an opportunity for improvement regarding Indicator 2, Level A, Item 1d of this indicator.</i>
3. Training, Behaviour and Culture	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met. <i>An Opportunity for Improvement related to the following requirements of Level A of Indicator 3 (Training, Behaviour and Culture)</i>



		<p>of the Safety and Health Protocol was also made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Item 1.a (“...Is a planned, documented, and functional safety and health training program in place that includes:... a. Training needs analysis for employees, including consideration of required skills and competencies, and Orientation for employees, on-site contractors, and visitors...”); and, - Item 1.b (“...Is a planned, documented, and functional safety and health training program in place that includes:...b. The training program is implemented and includes a mechanism for review...”).
4. Monitoring and Reporting	B	<p>Requirements for Level B met.</p> <p>Opportunities for Improvement were also made related to the requirements of Level A, Item 1.b. and Level A, Item 1.e.</p> <p>Note: The Indicator 4 (Training, Behaviour and Culture), Level A, item 1.i. requirement that “...Safety and health performance [be] communicated to the public on at least an annual basis...” has been addressed via publicly available Corporate reporting as required (see: https://sustainability.newgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2021_sustainabilityreport_Social.pdf)</p>
5. Performance	AA	Requirements for Level AA met.
Tailings Management		
1. Tailings management policy and commitment	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met (i.e., New Gold’s New Afton Facility used MAC’s Table of Conformance (June 2022 version) to determine that the Rainy River Facility - the Facility being Verified - met applicable requirements for Level A, Indicator 1). Rainy River’s External



		Auditor SRK Consulting also agreed with this assessment.
2. Assigned accountability and responsibility for tailings management	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met (i.e., New Gold's New Afton Facility used MAC's Table of Conformance (June 2022 version) to determine that the Rainy River Facility - the Facility being Verified - met applicable requirements for Level A, Indicator 2). Rainy River's External Auditor SRK Consulting also agreed with this assessment.
3. Tailings management system and emergency preparedness	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met (i.e., New Gold's New Afton Facility used MAC's Table of Conformance (June 2022 version) to determine that the Rainy River Facility - the Facility being Verified - met applicable requirements for Level A, Indicator 3). Rainy River's External Auditor SRK Consulting also agreed with this assessment.
4. OMS Manual	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met (i.e., New Gold's New Afton Facility used MAC's Table of Conformance (June 2022 version) to determine that the Rainy River Facility - the Facility being Verified - met applicable requirements for Level A, Indicator 4). Rainy River's External Auditor SRK Consulting also agreed with this assessment.
5. Annual tailings management review	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met (i.e., New Gold's New Afton Facility used MAC's Table of Conformance (June 2022 version) to determine that the Rainy River Facility - the Facility being Verified - met applicable requirements for Level A, Indicator 5). Rainy River's External Auditor SRK Consulting also agreed with this assessment.
Water Stewardship		
1. Water Governance	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met.
2. Operational Water Management	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met.
3. Watershed-scale Planning	AAA	Requirements for Level AAA met.



		<p><i>An Opportunity for Improvement was also made related to the requirements of this Indicator.</i></p>
<p>4. Water Reporting and Performance</p>	<p>AAA</p>	<p>Requirements for Level A met.</p> <p>Note: <i>The latest public reporting on Water performance (New Gold's 2021 Annual Compliance Report Per "Provincial Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval Condition 5 EAB File # EA 05-09-02/EAIMS 13102" and "Per Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement Condition 2.3"), both publicly available for the Facility during the 2023 Verification were available at:</i></p> <p><i>https://sustainability.newgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2021-Annual-Compliance-Report.pdf</i></p> <p><i>The latest Sustainability Report publicly available at the time of the Verification was available at:</i></p> <p><i>https://sustainability.newgold.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2021_sustainabilityreport_Social.pdf</i>).</p>



Statement of Verification

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The external verification was conducted in accordance with the <i>Terms of Reference for Verifiers</i> and, accordingly, consisted primarily of interviews, data analysis, and examination (on a sample basis) of other evidence relevant to management's assertion of conformance to the requirements of the TSM performance indicators.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The external verification was conducted in accordance with the <i>TSM Verifier Terms of Reference</i> .
The scores indicated in this report are verified as being accurate based on the evidence reviewed during the external verification of this facility.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The scores in this report are considered accurate based on this verification.
Limitations	Envirochem Services Inc. relied on the information provided to the Verifiers during the Verification of the Rainy River Site. The accuracy of this information (or otherwise) was not independently verified.
Additional comments	<p>The Rainy River site has demonstrated a strong commitment to the MAC-TSM program, and has demonstrated a high level of transparency and commitment toward achieving the highest level possible for each indicator.</p> <p>For example, the site showed excellence by achieving Level AAA in several of MACs Protocol Indicators.</p> <p>Envirochem's Verification team also appreciated the high level of support provided by Management and other Operational personnel during the verification process.</p> <p>Rainy River was well prepared for their verification, and the content of their self-assessments were comprehensive and informative.</p>
Has an additional assurance statement been provided by the verifier?	No
Name of lead verifier	Neil Allen, M.Sc., P.G.Dip.Env.Mngt, P.Ag., EP(EMSLA), EP(CEA), COR and CHSMSA Senior Auditor - EHS Assurance and Management Systems Envirochem Services Inc.
Date of statement of verification	December 22, 2023
Signature of lead verifier	