



BOLIDEN LIMITED – Premier Gold Project

EPRP Test – November 20, 2014

As per the Chief Inspector's Orders of August 18, 2014, a test of the Premier Gold Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPRP) has been carried out. A 'dry run' Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) dam failure test was conducted on November 20, 2014 by the undersigned. The test was a desktop exercise. The EPRP was used and assessed as a guide in walking through the incident response procedure on discovery of the dam failure. Notification or contact with provincial regulators or Boliden corporate officials was not made, but contact information was confirmed.

Lessons learned from the test

As a general comment, the existing Premier Gold EPRP is an Organization Manual. It requires changes or reorganization such that it is more readily useable in the case of an incident. Specific gaps as follows:

1. More complete check lists or response guides for incident first responders need to be generated and clearly referenced for each potential incident. These lists/guides should cover at least the first 12 to 24 hours following incident discovery (prior to regulator or corporate response and involvement following incident notification).
2. Check lists/guides for response to a potential incident where vehicle access between Premier Gold camp and the TSF has been cut off should be generated and included in the EPRP.
3. The EPRP is quiet on the use of photography. Digital photographs are a simple, quick way to share critical information with regulators, corporate and engineers during any incident. This should be reinforced in the EPRP.
4. Equipment required for Emergency Command Center – equipment lists need to be reviewed or updated. When this is done it should be confirmed the equipment is on hand and in one place.
5. Several EPRP section and appendix titles and page numbering issues need to be corrected.

It is suggested once the above EPRP revisions have been made, the test be rerun with the involvement of all (three) Premier Gold site employees.

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