

TAILINGS MANAGEMENT: KEY SITE INITIATIVES IN 2022

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| Aurizona | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the final expansion of the existing TSF, which will be filled to capacity in 2023. Completed detailed engineering and received permits for a new TSF. Construction is underway and will be completed in 2023 to receive tailings once the existing TSF is filled. |
| Santa Luz | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restarted tailings deposition in the existing TSF. Received permits for future expansion of the TSF to final design height. |
| RDM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted a permit application for a future change in tailings deposition from conventional slurry to a filtered process. This application included a new tailings filtration plant and dry stacked tailings deposition area. Purchased vacuum cyclones for future tailings deposition to prolong the operational life of the existing TSF until the new tailings filtration plant and deposition area can be fully permitted and built. Commissioning of the vacuum cyclones will begin in early 2023. Started construction of a permanent spillway for the existing TSF, which will be completed in early 2023. |
| Fazenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully closed and reclaimed one of the three legacy TSFs, covering the tailings with layers of waste rock, base soil and topsoil to create a foundation for vegetation growth. The area was replanted with grass and native plants and seeds from our plant nursery and seed bank. Equinox Gold will monitor the reclaimed TSF over the remaining operational life of the mine and beyond, and will apply the learnings and experience gained from reclamation and monitoring of this facility to the eventual reclamation of TSFs at our other mines. |

CASE STUDY

Emergency Simulation Drills Help Communities and Equinox Gold Prepare

Thanks to robust tailings facility designs, management practices and a focus on safety, Equinox Gold has not experienced a tailings breach at any of our sites during the Company's history. We believe it is important to educate members of our host communities about our overall approach to tailings management to address any concerns or questions they have regarding the monitoring, stability and operation of our TSFs. In addition, to ensure everyone can remain safe should there be a crisis, we also proactively provide information on how to respond in the event of a tailings emergency.

In 2022, we conducted workshops and tailings emergency simulations at both Santa Luz and RDM. The workshops involved hypothetical scenarios of a tailings mishap and provided information on how to respond.

More than 160 community members participated in the exercises, including police officers, firefighters and members of local government. The workshops and drills were positively received, with community members commenting that they better understand Equinox Gold's practices around tailings management and have greater confidence regarding what to do in case of a tailings emergency.

