



GISTM Principle 15 – August 2026 Public Disclosure

McDermitt TSF

5 August 2026

FACILITY LEVEL STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE¹

The McDermitt Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) is in Partial Conformance with the GISTM. Work is planned to achieve Full Conformance in 2026, including mitigation design to upgrade the Facility to meet loading criteria for the current and higher consequence classifications (including 'Extreme').

PRINCIPLE 15

Publicly disclose and provide access to information about the tailings facility to support public accountability.

REQUIREMENT 15.1

- A. For new tailings facilities for which the regulatory authorisation process has commenced, or that are otherwise approved by the Operator, the Operator shall publish and update, in accordance with Principle 21 of the UNGP, the following information:**

Requirement 15.1 A is not applicable as this is an existing facility.

- B. For each existing tailings facility and in accordance with Principle 21 of the UNGP, the Operator shall publish and update at least on an annual basis, the following information:**

- 1. A description of the tailings facility (information may be obtained from the output of Requirements 5.5 and 6.4)**

The McDermitt Tailings Storage Facility (Facility) is a closed facility owned by Barrick Gold U.S., a subsidiary of Barrick Mining Corporation, and located 15 kilometres southwest of McDermitt in Humboldt County, Nevada, USA.

The McDermitt TSF is described by the following details:

- **Facility Operational Status:** Closed.
- **Expansion methods:** Single stage construction.
- **Embankment Type:** Full ring facility (5 cells) contained by homogeneous earth-fill dams

¹ **Facility-Level Conformance Definitions:**

- **Full Conformance:** All applicable requirements are met in full; or, all applicable requirements are met but the facility requires remedial works to conform to specific requirements (e.g. 4.7 or 5.7), for which basic engineering is complete, budgeted, and a construction schedule has been developed and approved by the Accountable Executive to complete remedial works as soon as reasonably practicable.
- **Partial Conformance:** Some requirements are fully met, others are partially met or not met
- **Non-Conformance:** No applicable requirements are either partially or fully met

- **Deposition start and end (year):** 1975 – 1990.
- **Stored Tailings:** 7M tonnes conventional slurry tailings (3.5M m³)
- **Maximum Embankment Height:** 6 m
- **Long-term closure configuration:** A soil cover was placed at closure. The Facility does not have a spillway and no water accumulates due to excess evaporation.

2. The Consequence Classification (Requirement 4.1)

Facility Consequence Classification

Current Classification	Classification Used for Design
Low (GISTM 2020)	To be determined

3. A summary of risk assessment findings relevant to the tailings facility (Information may be obtained from the output of Requirement 10.1)

The TSF Risk Assessment was updated in 2025, and it was identified that the Facility could not convey the design flood event without overtopping the crest or experiencing scouring at the downstream toe. These events were not identified as risk drivers due to negligible consequences. Work is ongoing to determine if it is viable to upgrade the Facility and to determine which mitigation measure could be implemented to reduce the risk to As Low As Reasonably Practical (ALARP).

4. A summary of impact assessments and of human exposure and vulnerability to tailings facility credible flow failure scenarios (Information may be obtained from the output of Requirements 2.4 and 3.3)

A dam breach and inundation study were completed in 2025 for the credible failure scenarios identified during the 2025 risk assessment.

Impact assessment and human exposure were evaluated for the highly unlikely event of a credible failure mode leading to a catastrophic breach of the Facility. No material impacts to human health or the environment are expected, and there are no population, cultural assets or infrastructure in the inundation zone.

5. A description of the design for all phases of the tailings facility lifecycle including the current and final height (Information may be obtained from the output of Requirement 5.5)

The Facility is a hillside unlined facility, consisting of 5 adjacent cells, each constructed in a single lift. Cell 1 to Cell 4 were constructed prior to the beginning of mining activity. Cell 5 was constructed during operation. The table below summarizes the construction history.

The foundation soil mostly consists of silty and poorly sorted sandy soils mixed with gravel, or gravel with some sand. The embankment shell is constructed of native alluvium (clay-gravel) constructed with locally sourced materials.

McDermitt is a zero-discharge facility with no spillway. Due to the dry climate, there is no free water stored in the facility during normal conditions.

Stages of McDermitt Construction

Stage	Date	Height (m)
Cell 1 Construction	1975	6
Cell 2 Construction	1975	6
Cell 3 Construction	1975	6
Cell 4 Construction	1975	6
Cell 5 Construction	1988	6

6. A summary of material² findings of annual performance reviews and dam safety review (DSR), including implementation of mitigation measures to reduce risk to ALARP (Information may be obtained from output of Requirements 10.4 and 10.5)

Reference	Material Findings Summary	Mitigation Measures to Meet ALARP
2025 DSR ³	No Material Finding	None

7. A summary of material⁴ findings of the environmental and social monitoring programme including implementation of mitigation measures (Requirement 7.5)

There have been no material incidents or findings from the environmental and social incidents monitoring programme since the August 2025 Public Disclosure was issued for the McDermitt TSF.

² Material findings are findings that have a high probability of becoming or actual dam safety issues that require immediate attention and are considered immediately dangerous to life, health or the environment, a significant regulatory enforcement.

³ DSR: Dam Safety Review

⁴ An incident is considered material if it:

a) Causes significant negative impact on human health or the environment;
b) Extends onto publicly accessible land and has the potential to cause significant adverse impact to surrounding communities, livestock or wildlife;
c) Results in a breach of license conditions, the convention between the mine and government, or a violation of environmental regulations and standards or constitute releases above Reportable Quantities (RQs) any of which is immediately reportable to the

8. A summary version of the tailings facility EPRP for facilities that have a credible failure mode(s) that could lead to a flow failure event that:

- **Is informed by credible flow failure scenarios from the tailings facility breach analysis;**
- **Includes emergency response measures that apply to project affected people as identified through the tailings facility breach analysis and involve cooperation with public sector agencies; and**
- **Excludes details of emergency preparedness measures that apply to the Operator's assets, or confidential information (Requirements 13.1 and 13.2).**

The McDermitt Emergency Response Plan (ERP) provides a predetermined plan of action to be implemented in close coordination with emergency responders in the unlikely case of a tailings facility emergency. It defines the roles and responsibilities, prioritizing the saving of lives, reducing damage to property, and minimizing impacts to the environment. The ERP contains procedures and information to assist in assessing the situation, provide early warnings and identify maps of critical areas in the event of an emergency.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Site Manager:

- Review and update the EPP annually, verifying emergency protocols and contact information.
- Coordinate exercises of EPP and provide copies of updated EPP to responding agencies.
- Monitor dam in accordance with Care and Maintenance Manual.
- In the case of an emergency: provide notifications, designate Incident Commander (transferred to designated Humboldt County Incident Commander if emergency potentially extends beyond the McDermitt property), implement pre-established measures to prevent dam failure.

Incident Commander (Local Emergency Official):

- Responsible for the coordination and overall management of the response.
- Initiate warnings and order evacuation of people at risk downstream of the dam as needed.
- Notify local law enforcement to evacuate people and close roads as needed.
- Decide when to terminate the emergency.

Local Emergency Official:

- Maintain communication with media.
- In the case of an emergency: alert the public of the emergency, close roads and evacuate people as needed.

government by law or other statute; or

d) Results in a release of cyanide (above 0.5 mg/l of WAD cyanide, confirmed by a certified third-party laboratory as above detection limit) to any surface water that leaves the site boundaries or any groundwater aquifer (whether on or off-site).

9. Dates of most recent and next independent reviews (Requirement 10.5)***Dates of Independent Reviews***

Review Type	Latest Review	Previous Review
ITRB ⁵	April 2025	None
DSR	March 2025	None

10. Annual confirmation that the Operator has adequate financial capacity (including insurance to the extent commercially reasonable) to cover estimated costs of planned closure, early closure, reclamation, and post-closure of the tailings facility and its appurtenant structures (Requirement 10.7)

Barrick has sufficient financial resources to meet its business requirements for the foreseeable future, including capital expenditures, working capital requirements, interest payments, environmental rehabilitation, securities buyback and dividends.

For additional information refer to Barrick Annual Report 'Financial Position and Liquidity' (page 50) and 'Contractual Obligations and Commitments' table (page 53).

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C. Provide local authorities and emergency services with sufficient information derived from the breach analysis to enable effective disaster management planning (Information may be obtained from the output of Requirement 2.3).***List of Documents Shared with Local Authorities and Emergency Services***

Local Authorities or Emergency Services	Document
Humboldt County Sheriff	Emergency Response Plan – McDermitt (2026)
BLM Nevada State Office	Emergency Response Plan – McDermitt (2026)

⁵ ITRB: Independent Technical Review Board.

REQUIREMENT 15.2

Respond in a systematic and timely manner to requests from interested and affected *stakeholders* for additional information *material* to the public safety and integrity of a *tailings facility*. When the request for information is denied, provide an explanation to the requesting *stakeholder*.

Barrick is committed to the timely response to requests for additional information material to the public safety and integrity of their TSFs from interested and affected stakeholders. In the event that specific information cannot be shared with the requesting stakeholder, an explanation will be provided. Information on Barrick's Tailings Management policy and our Social Performance Policy can be found at the following links:

[Tailings Management Policy](#)

[Social Performance Policy](#)

REQUIREMENT 15.3

Commit to cooperate in credible global transparency initiatives to create standardised, independent, industry-wide and publicly accessible databases, inventories or other information repositories about the safety and integrity of tailings facilities.

Barrick is committed to global transparency around the public safety and integrity of our TSFs. A link to Barrick's Tailings Management Policy can be found here.

[Tailings Management Policy](#)

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ON FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain information contained in Barrick's Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management ("GISTM") tailings disclosure ("GISTM Disclosure"), including any information as to the design and operation of Barrick's tailings facilities and Barrick's sustainability strategy and vision, projects, plans or future technical, or operating performance constitutes "forward-looking statements". All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. The words "target", "plan", "project", "develop", "estimate", "potential", "may", "will", "likely", "unlikely", "can", "could", "would" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. In particular, this GISTM Disclosure contains forward-looking statements including, without limitation, with respect to: the results of Barrick's annual performance and dam safety reviews and related mitigation measures for the McDermitt Tailings Storage Facility ("McDermitt TSF"); the design, storage capacity and lifecycle of McDermitt TSF; the potential environmental and social impacts of McDermitt TSF and related monitoring and risk assessments; the results of Barrick's tailings facility breach analysis and inundation studies including human exposure and vulnerability to flow failure scenarios, disaster management planning and emergency preparedness; and estimated costs associated with McDermitt TSF.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the company as at the date of this Response in light of management's experience and perception of current conditions and expected developments, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Known and unknown factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements and information. Such factors include, but are not limited to: operating or technical difficulties in connection with mining or development activities, including geotechnical challenges, tailings dam and storage facilities failures, including closed storage facility failures; physical and transition risks related to climate change, including extreme weather events and resource shortages; risk of loss due to acts of war, terrorism, sabotage and civil disturbances; changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls or regulations and/or changes in the administration of laws, policies and practice; political or economic development in Nevada, USA, or other states and countries in which Barrick does or may carry on business in the future; timing of receipt of, or failure to comply with, necessary permits and approvals; our ability to maintain relationships with public sector agencies and the communities surrounding the McDermitt TSF; contests over access to water, power and other required infrastructure; and disruptions in the maintenance or provision of required infrastructure and information technology systems. In addition, there are risks and hazards associated with the business of mineral exploration, development, and mining, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations, pressures, cave-ins and flooding. Many of these uncertainties and contingencies can affect our actual results and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, Barrick. Readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance.

All of the forward-looking statements made in this GISTM Disclosure are qualified by these cautionary statements. Specific reference is made to the most recent Form 40-F/Annual Information Form on file with the SEC and Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities for a discussion of some of the factors underlying forward-looking statements and the risks that may affect Barrick's ability to achieve the expectations set forth in the forward-looking statements contained in this Response.

Barrick disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.