



GISTM Principle 15 – August 2026 Public Disclosure

McLaughlin TIF

5 August 2026

FACILITY LEVEL STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE¹

The McLaughlin Tailings Impoundment Facility (TIF) is in Full Conformance with the GISTM.

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 McLaughlin TIF is a closed facility owned by Homestake Inc., a subsidiary of Barrick Mining Corporation, and located near Lower Lake, California, USA.

The McLaughlin TSF is described by the following details:

- **Facility Operational Status:** Closed.
- **Expansion methods:** Staged construction, downstream raise method.
- **Embankment Type:** Cross-valley impoundment contained by a earth-core rockfill dams including downstream chimney filters and homogenous earth-fill dam.

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):** 1984 – 2002.
- **Stored Tailings:** 36.4M tonnes conventional slurry tailings (18M m³) occupying 178 ha.
- **Maximum Embankment Height:** 49 m
- **Supernatant Pool Configuration:** The pond is managed at the center of the TSF basin with tailings beach development upstream of the impoundment dams.

2. The Consequence Classification (Requirement 4.1)

Facility Consequence Classification

Current Classification	Classification used for Design
High (GISTM 2020)	Extreme (GISTM 2020)

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 no risk drivers were identified. The assessment is reviewed yearly and confirms that the measures implemented for the facility ensure the risk level is as low as reasonably practicable (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)

The updated dam breach and inundation study for the credible scenarios was completed in 2025. Impact assessment and human exposure were evaluated for the highly unlikely event of a credible failure mode leading to a flow failure of the McLaughlin TIF. The table below provides a summary of the potential material impacts identified. No material impacts to human health are expected.

Summary of Potentially Material Impacts

Aspect	Impact Description	Mitigation Measure(s)
Community	McLaughlin Natural Reserve Campground, Lower Hunting Creek Campground, McLaughlin Natural Reserve Caretaker Structure	Implement Site Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) Implement recovery measures
Environment	Sediment quality within the existing bank of Hunting Creek and Putah Creek could be impacted	
Infrastructure	Berryessa Knoxville and Morgan Valley Road and utility line would be impacted	

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 McLaughlin Tailings Impoundment Facility (TIF) is a valley-fill constructed facility comprising four embankments: Main Dam, North Saddle Dam, Middle Saddle Dam and Diversion Berm. The Main Dam, North Saddle Dam and Middle Saddle Dam consist of a starter dam and three subsequent downstream raises. These embankments are zoned earthfill dams with a low permeability clay core and a chimney drain between the core and the downstream shell. The clay core and chimney drain were raised up to Stage 2. The chimney drains are connected to a blanket drain that underlies the downstream shells, which transport seepage to two collection sumps at the toe of the Main Dam and North Saddle Dam.

The Diversion Berm is a homogenous earthfill dam (without zoning or drainage layers) built in two lifts using downstream construction.

The foundation of the embankment is bedrock. The underlying geology of the facility consists of sheared and altered ophiolite complex that are overlain by moderately deformed marine sedimentary rocks of the Great Valley Sequence consisting of conglomerate, siltstone, and sandstone.

The McLaughlin TIF is a zero-discharge facility with sufficient flood storage capacity to store the 72-hour maximum probable precipitation (PMP). An emergency spillway is located in a saddle along the northeast side of the impoundment. The spillway is a rectangular concrete weir and is designed to pass the 1 in 1,000 years flood event. A diversion channel conveys stormwater

around the facility, intercepting upstream drainage flows up to the 1 in 1,000-years, 24-hour storm event.

Each stage of the Facility has been engineered, and the design, construction and closure was overseen by a qualified engineer and the appointed Engineer of Record. The table below summarizes the stages of construction.

Stages of McLaughlin TIF Construction

Structure	Date	Total Height (m)
Stage 1 (Starter Dam)	1984	29
Stage 2 (Downstream Raise)	1990	43.3
Stage 3 (Downstream Raise)	1996	46.6
Stage 4 (Downstream Raise)	1998	49.4
Diversion Berm Stage 1	1996	5.1
Diversion Berm Stage 2 (Downstream Raise)	1998	7.9

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)

Summary of Material Findings and Mitigation Measures

Reference	Material Findings Summary	Mitigation Measures to Meet ALARP
2025 DSI ³	No material findings	None
2020 DSR ⁴	No material findings	None

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 DSI: Dam Safety Inspection.

⁴ DSR: Dam Safety Review.

7. A summary of material⁵ 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 McLaughlin TSF.

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:

- **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 TIF Emergency Action Plan (EAP) follows the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommendations presented in Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety and statutory regulations of the State of California.

The McLaughlin TIF EAP provides a predetermined response to be implemented in close coordination with emergency responders in the unlikely case of a tailings facility emergency. It defines responsibilities and provides procedures designed to identify unusual or emergency conditions. The EAP identifies the officials, organizations, and agencies and their respective responsibilities for implementing the EAP in time to take mitigative action and notifications in the event of possible, impending, or actual failure of the dam.

Incident Response Plan

- Step 1: Event Detection
- Step 2: Assess the Situation Determine the Emergency Level
 - After an unusual or emergency event is detected or reported, the Dam Operator, is responsible for classifying the event into one of four emergency level described in order of severity as high flow, non-failure, potential failure and imminent failure
- Step 3: Notification and communication
 - Based on the assessment, pertinent parties will be notified in accordance with the Emergency Notification Flowchart for the Emergency Level
 - Typical scripts for notification messages for each emergency level are included in the EAP
- Step 4 Required Emergency Actions

⁵ 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 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).

- Based on the assessment, the required emergency actions listed in the EAP will be taken
- The Dam Operator will secure the site
- The Dam Operators will initiate and direct emergency actions
- In case of imminent failure the Dam Operator will coordinate with the County Sheriffs, Highway Patrol and Cal OES to alert the public, close roads, and evacuate people at risk downstream of the dam
- Step 5: Termination and Follow-Up
 - The Dam Operator is responsible for terminating EAP operations and relaying the decision in accordance with the respective Emergency level Flowchart
 - The Dam Operator is responsible for preparing a report documenting emergency procedures and actions

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

Dates of Independent Reviews

Review Type	Latest Review	Previous Review
IR ⁶	April 2025	October 2021
DSR	June 2020	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).

[Annual Report 2025](#)

⁶ IR: Independent Review.

- 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
Cal OES	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
DWR FOC	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
Lake County and Napa County Sheriff Department	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
Lake County and Napa County OES	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
St. Helena ECC	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
Napa County Fire Department	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
CA Highway Patrol	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
Solano Irrigation District	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
University of California – Davis	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
BLM Ukiah Field Office	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
National Weather Service	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025
Langtry Farms	McLaughlin TIF EAP - 2025

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 McLaughlin Tailings Storage Facility ("McLaughlin TIF"); the design, storage capacity and lifecycle of McLaughlin TIF; the potential environmental and social impacts of McLaughlin TIF 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 McLaughlin TIF.

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 California, 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 McLaughlin TIF; 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.