



MEADOWBANK INTERNATIONAL CYANIDE MANAGEMENT CODE

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WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL CYANIDE MANAGEMENT CODE?

- The International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC) is an international standard and voluntary program for gold mining companies focused on the safe management of cyanide at their operations.
- In order to become certified by the ICMC, a gold mining company must have their operations audited by an independent third party to assess their level of implementation of the code.
- Audit results on individual companies are made public on the ICMC website:
 www.cyanidecode.org
- By participating in ICMC, Agnico Eagle commits to protecting communities, the
 environment, and our worker's health and safety during all phases of the cyanide life
 cycle (procurement, transportation, storage, use, disposal).

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WHAT IS CYANIDE?

- Cyanide is a chemical that is found in nature. Humans breathe out very small amounts of cyanide and it is also produced by plants around the world.
- Cyanide is also produced for industrial use. Sodium cyanide is used for gold processing.

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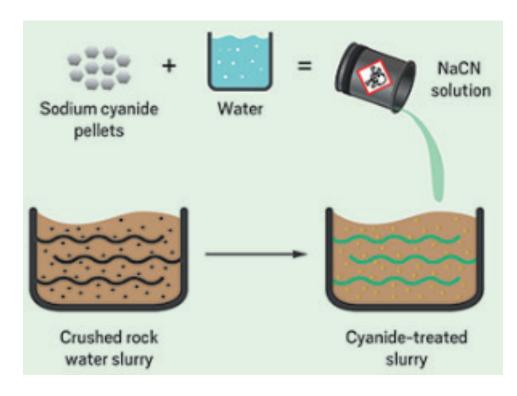
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CYANIDE SLURRY | WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

- Cyanide is used to extract gold.
- Cyanide is mixed with water and mined gold ore from pits to make thick slurry.
- Cyanide separates gold out of the slurry.

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CYANIDE TRANSPORTATION

- Cyanide is shipped as solid pellets that are packed in bags, then in wooden crates, and then loaded into sea containers and put on ships in Quebec.
- Boats are unloaded at Helicopter Island and the seacans are then put on barges that are unloaded at Agnico Eagle's unloading dock in Baker Lake. The containers are put onto trucks and then make their way to Meadowbank using the all-weather access road (AWAR), which includes the road between Agnico Eagle's unloading dock and the "Y".
 Cyanide will not be transported through Baker Lake.
- Cyanide transportation happens every year. The amount of seacans may vary depending on how much cyanide we already have on site and how much we need the next year.
- During transportation, the road is closed to the public and transportation is done as a convoy with an emergency vehicle escort.

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SAFETY

- The way the cyanide is packed for transportation prevents workers from being exposed to the cyanide. Every worker involved in transporting or handling cyanide is aware of the risks and trained in using the proper personal protective equipment
- Cyanide gas detectors are continuously monitored by the mill.
- Our nurses and the staff in town are specially trained to treat cyanide gas exposure.
- The environment department has various water sampling programs to check for cyanide contamination to the local environment on a regular basis.
- We will announce road closures for cyanide transportation on the radio, Facebook, and www.aemnunavut.ca.

CYANIDE RISKS | RISKS OF ACCIDENTAL RELEASE

- In large quantities, cyanide can be very dangerous. Sodium cyanide may release hydrogen cyanide gas, and if too much of it is absorbed, it can keep the body from using oxygen. At high levels of exposure, it can affect other organs in the body such as the heart. Poisoning symptoms may include dizziness, loss of consciousness, respiratory distress and irregular heartrate. Ingestion or contact with cyanide can also lead to injury or death.
- Fish and birds are affected by small amounts of cyanide, whereas plants in the water are not easily affected by cyanide.
- Cyanide does not build up in humans or in wildlife, and does not increase in content along the food chain (biomagnify).

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Paths for Communicating Issues of Concern

If you have concerns, you can contact us through our complaint system, Tusaajugut.

Tusaajugut, we're listening.
1-844-323-3002
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If you have questions, feel free to stop by our office or contact us at 867-793-4610 x 4606913

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