

Northgate Environmental Policy

Northgate seeks to minimize the company's environmental footprint through implementing environmentally responsible practices through all phases of the mining life cycle. Northgate views effective management of the environmental effects of our operations as critical to our success as an organization.

In our efforts to achieve and to maintain high standards of environmental responsibility in our exploration, development, mining and reclamation activities, we:

- consider good environmental practices to be a priority in the design and operation of all facilities, and have committed to allocate the resources necessary to help achieve our stated objectives
- carry out sound operational and management practices to ensure our facilities are in compliance with all applicable legislation providing for the protection of the environment, employees and the public
- pursue available technology to reduce environmental effects, prevent pollution and implement improvements through best management practices
- establish and maintain standards, procedures and management controls to ensure that environmental considerations are balanced equally with other key strategic priorities
- establish measurable objectives to continuously audit, monitor, and improve the effectiveness of such environmental standards, procedures and controls
- train all employees and contractors to understand, and encourage them to acknowledge, their environmental responsibilities
- provide for the reclamation and rehabilitation of areas affected by our operations, considering future end land use
- work cooperatively with government agencies, local communities, indigenous groups and other stakeholders to achieve the mutual benefit of environmental protection and sustainable development
- are committed to mining practices focused on sustainable economic development, and to working with our employees, their families, the local communities in which we operate, and society at large to improve the quality of life in a way that is both good for local economic development and our shareholders