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1. Are cleanup goals used when remediating contaminated mining sites?

Yes

of course, when something has to be remediated than cleanup goals are set by the responsible authorities (I'm not sure if I completely understand this question)

2. Is site-specific risk assessment used to clean up mining sites?

Yes

what is meant with "what methodology is being used" with a site-specific RA? source-pathway-receptor concept?than YES.

1. Are any Best Management Practices (BMP) or Best Available Technologies (BAT) implemented when treating mining waste, mine tailings and/or mine influenced waters?

Yes

at least, it should be so. I've no insight into the reality as we (Env. Ministry) are responsible for contaminated sites remediation, but we never had mining sites as they are principally in the responsibility of Ministry of Economics.

1. Is mining waste being reused for beneficial purposes?

Yes

2. Are there any initiatives or practices to encourage locating alternative energy facilities at contaminated or active

mining sites?

No

not to my knowledge

3. Are reuse practices (such as carbon sequestration) and/or ecological revitalization activities implemented at contaminated mining sites (e.g., education centers, historical landmarks, commercial or industrial parks, wildlife refuge, etc.)?

No

carbon sequestration - not to my knowledge of course, any interesting site will be used as an historical landmark, but it isn't applied in general

1. Do you have a regulatory framework(s) or other programs in your country that addresses the cleanup of properties impacted by mining contamination?

Yes

we have a regulatory framework for the cleanup of properties but it has been never used for mining contamination. However, it would be available also for this type of contamination. Who is responsible? First polluter, second land owner, finally public authorities.

2. What types of enforcement measures and/or programs are available to recover costs from mining companies that caused the contamination?

what do you mean with "type of enforcement measures"? the public authorities have to clean it up if noone takes action and will try to find a responsible party (polluter, landowner) to recover costs, subsequently.

3. Is cleanup and reclamation of mined land part of the mine permitting process?

I don't know. Mining isn't a big subject in Austria, If there are recent permitting processes, of course, the have to provide waste management plans. But historic permissions didn't cover this because of the lack of general awareness.

4. Is "designing for closure and post-closure" actively practiced?

This is, of course, an issue to obtain authority approval for new mining activities (by law). But I've no knowledge about recent applications for mining activities.

5. Is an Environmental Impact Analysis/Statement (EIA/EIS) performed for proposed mining operations?

Yes

If an EIA is performed, of course, also closure and long-term liabilities are covered. Don't know exactly what kind of answer do you expect.

1. What are the funding mechanisms used to cleanup abandoned mine/mining impacted areas?

we have a funding mechanism for contam. sites remediation (70 mio. €per year) but it haven't been used for cleanup of mining sites so far.

2. How are these mechanisms funded (e.g., public or mining industry contributions)?

public

3. Are there any laws, regulations, and policies and practices setting the approach for environmental financial assurance for mine closure?

No

not to my knowledge. However, recent waste management legislation is requesting for environmental financial assurance, so that is also valid for mining sites, I assume.

1. How does the local community participate in mine permitting, design/construction, financial responsibility calculations and the mine closure process?

Mining sites are generally no concern for our contam. land programme, but I expect that local community participate as it is regulated with EIA.

2. Are there any regulations/programs that address/manage social impacts of mining and mine reclamation?

not to my knowledge