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

Yes

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

Yes

Restricted use of the sites covered with mining waste.

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

Reduction of infiltration of rain by compaction, landscaping, controlled drainage and plant growth.

1. Is mining waste being reused for beneficial purposes?

Yes

Capping of mining sludge bassins.

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

Yes

Solar energy on sludge bassin.

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.)?

Yes

- commercial and industrial parks - museum - residential area - nature reserve

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

Mining authorities + mining legislation (specifically physical safety) + environmental authorities (soil pollution).

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

Mining company payed clean-up costs.

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

No

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

No

All mines in Flanders are closed.

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

No

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

Partly payed by the coal mine, partly by the European Community (European Fund for Regional Development)

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

No Response

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

No

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

In fact, the interest of the local community in the clean up of the mining sites was very low. The operation was mainly followed on a national / regional scale.

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

The European funding for the clean up does not come from an environmental fund but a from a social fund. Main purpose: reconversion of former coal mining regions.