

Dam Safety Policy for Company Members of SveMin, the Swedish Association of Mines, Mineral and Metal Producers

Dam safety procedures of the member companies focus primarily on **safety and the protection of health and the environment**. However, they also consider other aspects. The member companies commit to comply with both the requirements set by national legislation and regulations as well as with the principles defined by the sector specific guidelines¹.

- Dam safety requirements must be based on an assessment of the consequences in case of a dam failure;
- dam stability and safety must constitute decisive criteria when deciding on the location of dams;
- dam design, construction, operation, maintenance and reclamation must be planned in such a way as to make sure that the probability of operational failures, damage, or dam failure is kept as low as possible;
- the consequences of a dam failure must be reduced as much as possible by good design and preventive measures,
- the planned life expectancy must be treated as a crucial factor of dam design;
- dam safety must meet high international standards.

The member companies commit to follow procedures that ensure the quality and continuous improvement of dam safety measures.

¹ GruvRIDAS (rev. 2010), Mining sector dam safety guidelines