

Recovering from a storm checklist

At your mine site and other types of sites:	Site status:
<p>1. Has pit wall instability and slope undercutting been assessed and considered? After a storm, there is increased likelihood of some form of pit wall instability (due to ingress of water and lubrication of joint/fault planes) and undercutting as surrounding areas are soaked and groundwater tables are recharged, possibly at some distance from the operation.</p>	
<p>2. Have ramps, roads and safety bunds been checked for damage, undercutting, wash-outs, soft edges or loss of traction? Have they been reinstated to a safe standard? In rebuilding site roads and other infrastructure, mobile equipment hazards, unprotected road edges from eroded safety banks, undercutting, wash-outs, loss of traction and soft edges, must be taken into account.</p>	
<p>3. Have pedestrian traffic areas been checked and reinstated to a safe standard?</p>	
<p>4. Has the stability of waste dumps, stockpiling areas, sedimentation ponds and dams been checked for their integrity and safety?</p>	
<p>5. Have all personnel and equipment hazards from working in and around water with mobile equipment been identified and dealt with before work re-starts; in particular, water management infrastructure, pumping and working near the water's edge?</p>	
<p>6. Are drowning hazards effectively controlled? Wearing suitable, approved life jackets will help with managing potential drowning hazards.</p>	
<p>7. Are hazards in handling mud effectively controlled?</p>	

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8. Have equipment recovery and equipment towing hazards been effectively addressed?	
9. Are hazards from water ingress into machinery effectively controlled?	
10. Are people aware of wildlife hazards such as insects and snakes inside cabinets and other enclosures?	

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