

Environmental Policy

Rio Tinto, Fer et Titane,* recognizes that incorporating environmental policies into its overall management strategy is essential to its long-term success and accordingly:

1. Demonstrates leadership and commitment to environmental concerns;
2. Maintains an ISO 14001 accredited environmental management system;
3. Operates the metallurgical and mining complexes at Sorel-Tracy and Havre-Saint-Pierre in the spirit of the principles of Sustainable Development.

To achieve its environmental goals, Rio Tinto, Fer et Titane, applies the following guidelines:

1. Managing its operations while conforming to environmental requirements and commitments be they legal, regulatory, corporate or voluntary in nature with respect to the environmental aspects;
2. Maintaining its environmental management strategy based on the principles of continuous improvement, by integrating in its activities, the analysis, the evaluation and the management of its environmental impacts;
3. Conducting its activities in keeping with environmental prevention standards as outlined below:
 - Controlling significant air and water emissions;
 - Reducing noise in the community to generally acceptable levels;
 - Protecting soil and ground water;
 - Optimizing the management of mining and other residues by promoting their reduction at the source, their re-use, recycling and reclamation;
 - Adopting the most cost effective methods for minimizing the environmental impact of its operations;
4. Making the best possible use of energy and natural resources;
5. Identifying, investigating, analyse and following-up on environmental events to avoid their recurrence;
6. Informing employees, and all other working on behalf of the company, about work-related environmental issues and encouraging them to engage in ecologically sound work practices;
7. Reinforcing the partnership with others in the private and public sectors, and most particularly with the neighbouring communities;
8. Providing the necessary resources for the application of these principles and standards in keeping with its commitment to continuous improvement in environmental matters.

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