

Incident Notification

- Incident Date:** July 11, 2020
- Title:** **Acid piping failure on storage tank and berm repair**
- Description:** While shutdown on July 11th, 2020 the main pipeline carrying acid from the bulk storage tank to the mill began leaking. It was not possible to safely access the area to isolate the tank, therefore the entire contents of the tank reported to secondary containment, or a concrete berm designed to capture such a release.
- Resolution:** After recovery of the acid from the berm, pipes, and tank and the area was neutralized, the berm was cleaned. On August 19th, 2020 during inspection of the berm, two small holes were found in the concrete of the berm, which may have allowed acid to discharge to the environment. The berm is being repaired and the incident investigated. Provincial and federal regulators were notified of the incident.
- Effect:** While effects on the environment are predicted to be negligible, nearby groundwater wells are being monitored and downstream wells are also being sampled. An estimate of potential release is being developed.

