

Sustainable Development

meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Background

In 2002, at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, 193 countries, including the United States, concluded that mining, minerals, and metals were important to the economic and social development of many countries, and that social, environmental, and economic values were essential considerations for mining, minerals, and metals operations.

The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service support the concept of sustainable development for mining and other extractive industries. We hope you have read about the benefits of integrating the social, environmental, and economic components of sustainable development in your mining operations and have adopted, like many others in your profession and industry, guiding principles for implementing sustainable development.

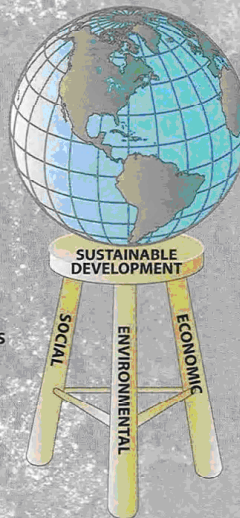
Making Sustainable Development Work for You

The checklist we have provided will help you track your progress toward achieving social, environmental, and economic considerations of sustainable development in your mining operation. Please take a few moments to assess your particular operation (exploration, extraction, or closure) to determine how well you have integrated the three sustainable development components. Check the boxes that represent your practices. Please note that the considerations provided here are just examples. There are many others that may be applicable.

This checklist is for your use only so there is no need to send it back to us!

Congratulations if you checked many of the boxes!

We hope our checklist has given you a better idea of your progress toward making your operation a more sustainable one—socially, environmentally, and economically. It is an important step for you, your community, and the world as we all seek to satisfy demands for minerals, to ensure the well-being of our ecosystems, and to understand the earth's environmental limits and capacities.



Thank You

for taking time to participate in this exercise and for doing your part in contributing toward a sustained society for our generation and for future generations.

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