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The Canadian Dam Association publication *Dam Safety Guidelines* (CDA, 2013) outlines principles that are applicable to dams of all types. These include “mining dams” which are retaining structures at mine sites or metallurgical plant sites that retain solids or liquids that may or may not be contaminated.

This Bulletin was prepared by the CDA Mining Dams Committee, which has members representing a broad range of the mining community in Canada. The focus has been on the Canadian context, but the principles are generally applicable to dams in any jurisdiction. Regulatory requirements vary considerably and must be met in all cases. Other expectations and requirements may also apply, including corporate policies and guidelines, industry standards, and legislation at provincial and federal levels.

This Bulletin is not intended to duplicate or replace the extensive guidance that has been prepared by other organizations. For example:

- The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) has published a number of guides for the mining industry, particularly in relation to management of mining facilities.
- The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) has issued guidance on overall tailings systems, sustainable design and closure principles, and long term monitoring.

In making dam safety assessments and decisions, the responsible engineer or decision-maker must assess and interpret guidance and information from all available sources and determine the appropriate requirements for a specific situation.

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