Beyond the GARD Guide
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- How do we get it “on the ground?”
- How do we get past “inherent tendencies?”
- How do we communicate/participate?
- Where do we go from here?
Industry and Regulatory Institutionalization

- Industry acceptance and utilization
  - Walk the talk
  - Be willing to accept the outcome

- Regulatory interpretation and application
  - Laws, statutes, guidelines, bmbs
  - How to apply to environmental assessments, permitting and oversight/enforcement

- Stakeholder capacity and acceptance
  - Facilitating meaningful stakeholder participation
  - Become part of decision
Inherent Tendencies

- Inherent tendencies regarding acid/neutral drainage and associated contaminants
  - Under prediction of potential impacts
    - Natural bias
    - Regulation encourages
  - Over prediction of mitigation effectiveness
    - Natural bias
    - Requires institutional ability
      - Long-term monitoring and management
      - Financial responsibility
Communication/Participation

- Challenges
  - Communication of highly scientific information to industry, regulators and stakeholders
  - Application of information and viewpoints to scientific, regulatory and public outreach process
  - Impetus to participate by stakeholders
    - Substantive involvement (funding for experts and outreach)
    - Involvement in decision-making
Where do we go from here?

- What is the next step to follow GARD?
- Do we have models to follow?
  - Cyanide code
  - Good Neighbor Agreement
- Will the next mine truly be different?
  - Willing to say no? Willing to say yes?
- Who’s ready to step up to the plate?
  - Continue on more or less the same, or
  - Undertake a real concerted effort?