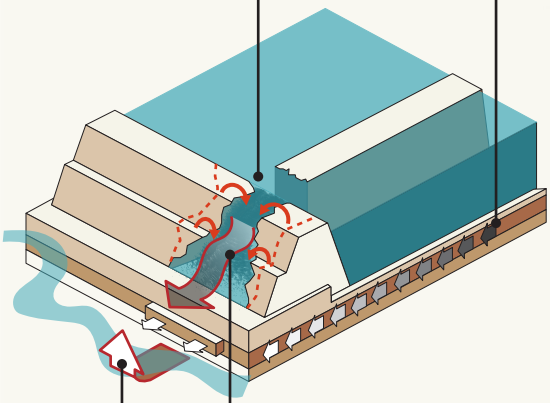
Aznalcóllar mine storage facility failure

A slab of soil beneath the dam slid approximately one metre towards the Río Agrio.
The front of the slide was about 20 metres wide, and it was located in the area of the junction of the two impoundments.

The dam cracked and broke.



Between five and seven million m³ of contaminated slurry spilled through the gap.

This caused the bed of the Río Agrio to rise locally by three metres.



Parks designed after tailings spill

Parks present at time of tailings spill

Location of Los Frailes tailings spill

Area of spill

Valverde del Camino
Aználcollar
La Palma del Condado
Sanlúcar La Mayor
Niebla
Bollullos Par del Condado
Aznalcázar
Almonte
Sanlúcar de Barrameda
Jerez de la Frontera
Rota
6 km
López, 2017

GRID ARENDAL

Source: El País of May 14, 1998, WISE 2015, UNEP-WCMC.