Known mining accidents

- **Very serious tailings dam failures**
  Multiple loss of life (~20) and/or release of ≥ 1 000 000 m³ total discharge, and/or travel of 20 km or more.
- **Serious tailings dam failures**
  Loss of life and/or release of ≥ 100 000 m³ semi-solid discharge.
- **Other tailings dam failures**
  Engineering/facility failures other than those classified as very serious or serious, no loss of life.
- **Other tailings-related accidents**
  Accidents other than those classified under the first three categories of dam failures.
- **Non-tailings (or unknown type) failure**
  Non-tailings incidents - groundwater, waste rock, etc.

1985-1996



2007 - 2017



1997-2006



López, 2017

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