

Dam Safety 2015 Inspection & Audit Results

In 2015, the AER [performed 100 inspections](#) of fluid-containment structures (e.g., tailings ponds and dams). Inspections are done to ensure that these structures are designed, constructed, operated, maintained, and decommissioned safely and that owners and the AER are prepared to respond in the event of an emergency.

If a noncompliance is discovered, the AER issues a notice of noncompliance to the owner. The owner resolves the noncompliance and notifies the AER.

In 2015, a significant deficiency was found at one coal mine structure. Erosion at a partially reclaimed pit was allowing water to flow freely. The AER investigated the noncompliance and released the results of its investigation on the [Compliance Dashboard](#). The noncompliance is now resolved.

No audits of containment structures were performed in 2015.

Inspections

Sector	Notices issued	Satisfactory	Total
Oil sands projects	0	55	55
Coal mining	1	30	31
Oil and gas operations	0	14	14
Total	1	99	100