



Anagold Madencilik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. (Anagold) has proudly and safely operated the Çöpler mine in the Iliç, Erzincan region since 2010, complying with Turkish and international regulations. Turkish Environmental and Safety regulations are aligned to the EU directives and are of a very high standard. The safe operation of the mine and facilities is closely monitored by the government and Anagold officers. The operations of Anagold and its contractors have always been in compliance with regulations and continues to be a Turkish business delivering at the highest standard.

There has been some deliberate misinformation spread about aspects of Anagold's operation. Unfortunately, the confusion related to the facts about the mine is the result of misinformation intentionally propagated by individuals seeking personal financial advantage by doing so. This is creating unnecessary concern and distress to people. The propagation of misinformation by others by repeating falsities that they fail to fact check is irresponsible. Anagold is committed to open and transparent communication and will provide the data and facts to those who request them.

For clarity, please find below a statement of fact about some key environmental and sustainability elements.

- Anagold's mine, plant and Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) are constructed and operated to the highest standards. All activities are carried out as they would be in developed mining countries.
- The TSF is a mass fill dam, which means that the wall is constructed with a compacted rock wall. The wall is built on a strong foundation and is so thick that it weighs more than the stored tailings behind the wall. This type of TSF is extremely safe and is designed to withstand earthquakes. Designs were reviewed, modeled, and tested by international and Turkish experts and professors.
- The construction of the TSF is supervised by a third party engineering company who signs off that the TSF has been constructed as designed. Both construction activities and quality control by the third-party is done under the constant supervision of the Turkish Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change.
- The dam is lined with multiple layers to prevent leakage. The liners are both plastic and clay. The dam lining is in perfect condition. There is no damage or leaks.
- The water in the TSF is recycled to the mine processing plant, which reduces the need to get fresh water.
- The surface and underground waters around the entire mining and processing operations (including the TSF) are sampled and monitored. There has never been any contamination of the surface or ground waters. Experts from the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change regularly examine Anagold's water quality monitoring program and results.
- No process or mining waste is disposed of into the environment or river. After processing, the ground rock is called tailings. Tailings are neutralized before going to the TSF and is a benign mud. There is no sulfuric acid in the TSF and the cyanide is also neutralized. The tailings are actually slightly alkaline, which is the opposite of being acid.
- There has never been any discharge of cyanide from the mine site. Where there have been spills inside the mine site, they are neutralized and cleaned up, and immediately reported to related Governmental agencies.

- On June 21, 2022, there was a spill of solution containing diluted cyanide within the mine operating area. The spill was immediately cleaned up and reported to T.R. Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change. The total amount of cyanide in the solution spilled within the mine operating area was approximately 8kg. Unsubstantiated social media claims that there were tonnes of cyanide spilled, with an impact on the Fırat river, are completely false.
- There is no discharge of cyanide into the atmosphere. The emission from the autoclaves (which do not process with cyanide) is measured by the accredited laboratories assigned by the T.R. Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change and inspected by the T.R. Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change. All results are examined and approved by the same Ministry.
- The approved second Expansion EIA allows the mine to expand only slightly from its current footprint, expanding the impacted area by about 60 hectares.

Anagold has made a huge contribution to local community and Turkish economy, investing a total of \$1.75Billion USD for the development of a world class business and workforce.

Care for the community, employees and environment is a core Anagold value, and is reflected in the way the mine is designed and operated. Anagold has many proud contributions and achievements, like receiving The International Operational Excellence Award in 2021, in the field of occupational health and safety, by The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration, which is an international and independent organization. This was awarded for outstanding performance, with a worker injury rate that is one of the lowest in the mining industry, our huge contributions to the community in training, health, infrastructure, sports, and cultural activities, including the Anagold Social Development Fund (Anagold-SKF). Since 2018, Anagold has allocated \$1.6Million USD to the SKF to support sustainable income opportunities in agriculture, health, education, and etc. The SKF is aimed to strengthen the whole community to be independent from the mine, by supporting development and collaboration, skills, expertise, and income generating activities for the period after the end of mining activities.

Behind the Turkish Government, Anagold is the biggest employer and investor in the region. Anagold is committed to continuing our operations in full compliance with the related regulations and international standards, and continuing to add value to the local and Turkish economy.