

Published on *American Geosciences Institute* (https://www.americangeosciences.org)
Home > EARTH: South Africa's Toxic Legacy: Acid mine drainage threatens water supplies

## EARTH: South Africa's Toxic Legacy: Acid mine drainage threatens water supplies

In the Witwatersrand goldfields, not far from bustling Johannesburg, South Africa, more than a century of mining has left the region littered with mounds of waste and underlain by a deep underground network of abandoned mine shafts, which are gradually filling with water. Today, the mines are producing less and less gold and more and more sulfuric acid.

## **Press Release PDF:**



20110926a-EARTH-AcidMine.pdf