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Limiting Pollution from Former Mining Area, Folldal Center

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Why an innovative procurement?

- Goal to comply with the mandate but can we achieve more?
 - Meet the Water Framework Directive
 - More sustainable e.g., extract metals, reduce landfill volume
- BUT not at the expense of fulfilling the mandate
 - Treatment efficiency
 - Robustness
- DFØ and LUP will present the way forward at the end of the conference



About DMF

- Expert body and sector authority for mineral resources and activities
- Mission:
 - Facilitate long-term and sustainable extraction and processing of minerals
 - Contribute to increased value creation through responsible resource management
 - Ensure Svalbard's geological resources are used for the benefit of society

- Subordinate to the Ministry of Trade,
 Industry and Fisheries (NFD)
- On behalf of NFD, DMF implements
 measures to reduce environmental
 impacts from former mining activities in
 areas where NFD has ownership or
 management responsibility.



Pollution Situation in the Folla River

Annually, Folla receives:

- ~9 tons of copper
- ~6 tons of zinc
- ~130 tons of iron
- ~580 tons of sulfate

Due to acid mine drainage and inflow from the mine via Stoll 2

Poor ecological and chemical status in the river



Utslippspunktet til Folla (Asplan Viak, 2020)



Mandate of February 16, 2024

To meet the Water Framework Directive, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries (NFD) is required to implement measures to reduce pollution from the mining areas in Folldal so that environmental goals can be achieved in Folla.

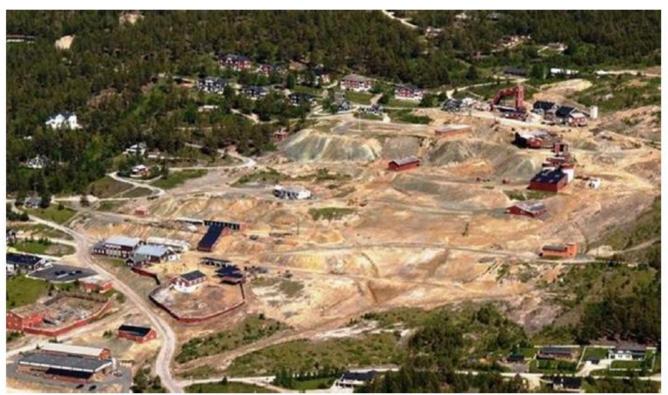
Target water quality levels:

Copper: 7.8 μg/L

Zinc: 11 μg/L

Deadline for implementation: June 1, 2028

Helhetlig tiltaksplan for Folldal gruver



Folldal gruver. Foto: Stiftelsen Folldal gruver, https://folldalgruver.no

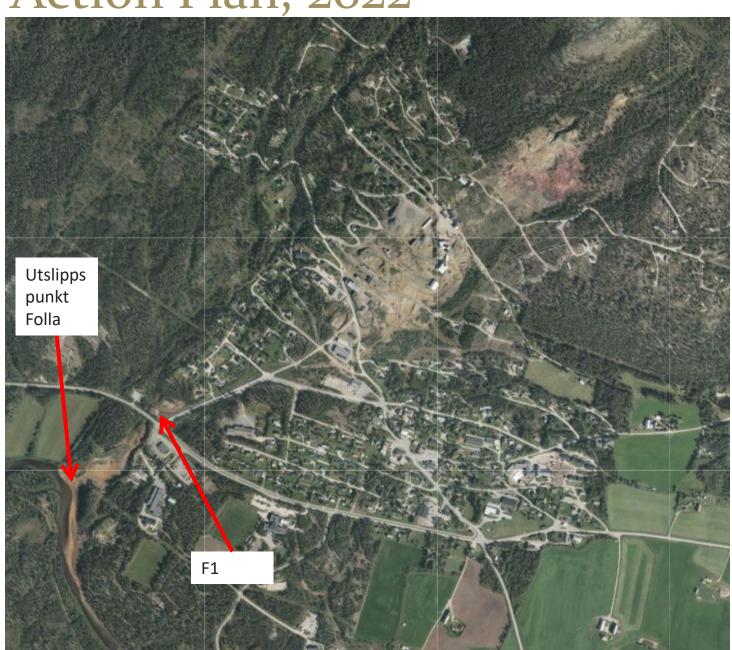
Integrated Action Plan, 2022

Step 1: Improve drainage and acid water systems

Step 2: Secure mine waste from runoff – capping (not implemented yet)

Step 3: Water treatment solution (treatment plant)

Steps 1 and 2 aim to control sources and minimize water flow to the treatment plant (step 3)





Area for Treatment Solution





Elveslette mellom F1 og Folla. Kilde DMF

Figur 1 Oversikt over område nedenfor FV29 der surt og metallholdig vann samles opp og renner ut i elva Folla (foto: finn no/kart)



Landfill

- Ordinary waste landfill local in Folldal
- Hazardous, stable, non-reactive waste can also be placed there
- If hazardous waste is generated, it must be handled differently
- Work is ongoing to identify and regulate suitable landfill areas and secure land access



Eksempel på et arrondert deponi. Foto: Lindum AS



Water Data

Tabell 1 Vanndata (vannføring, konsentrasjon og mengde) for stasjon F1 (oppstrøms FV29) i perioden 2023-2024

Periode	Vannføring (I/s)	Cu (mg/l)	Zn (mg/l)	Cd (mg/l)	kg Cu/døgn	kg Zn/døgn	kg Cd/døgn
Vinter (snitt)	3,25	54,6	36	0,129	15,3	10,1	0
Normal (snitt)	8,8	53,5	33	0,139	40,7	25,1	0,1
Snøsmelting snitt (vannføring snitt 23/24)	38,6	40,4	27	0,092	127		
Ekstrem hendelse. Maks	140				ca. 600		

- In addition, there is sulfate concentration ~4000 mg/L and iron ~850 mg/L
- Large seasonal variations in water flow
- Snowmelt varies year to year
- Heavy rainfall events likely to increase in the future

Innovation potential: Minimize lifecycle costs **Extract metals** Reduce land use Combine with power generation or other uses?

> How can the solution be made more sustainable?

Comprehensive solution: meets water quality goals per the Water Framework Directive within budget Handles copper, zinc, iron, sulfate, cadmium, aluminum, etc.

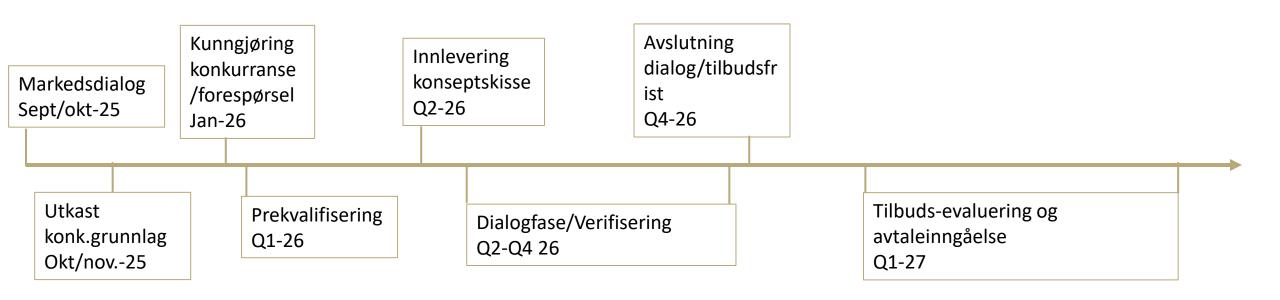
between these cost differences

Are there solutions that meet

Treatment Solution must meet mandate requirements for copper and zinc – within budget Must also handle iron and sulfate



Tidslinje



Possible paths to innovation through procurement

What solutions are available on the market and do they solve my needs?



Procurement of innovation/ development services - R&D





Purchase of innovative solutions

Purchase of a new or untested solution

Demand innovation beyond the minimum requirements of the procurement (innovation-friendly procurements)



Traditional Off-the-shelf procurement





Choice of procedure

Relevant ways to conduct the competition

Competitive dialogue

Procurement of an innovative or complicated solution, where you need a dialogue with the providers to get clarification about both how to best request a solution, and how the solution can be delivered in the best possible way.

Public Buyer Economic Operator

Negotiated procedure

Procurement of an innovative or complicated solution where you need to negotiate with the providers to optimize the terms and form of the delivery in order to get good offers that meet your needs.







Procedural steps

The process





