

Samarco participates in drill in the communities of Mariana and Barra Longa

On Saturday, November 18, Samarco participated in the third drill that was carried out by Mariana and Barra Longa's civil defense coordinators, as well as by state-run Cedec in 10 communities. The objective was to train residents and municipal agents on how to respond to an emergency situation.

The army had the participation of approximately 350 people from the communities of Camargos, Ponte do Gama, Paracatu de Cima, Paracatu de Baixo, Borba, Pedras, Campinas, Barreto, Gesteira and Barra Longa (headquarters). At 2pm, 24 sirens were set off at the same time alerting the public of the beginning of the simulation.

The drill was the responsibility of the coordinators of Mariana and Barra Longa's civil defense coordinators, as well as the state-run Cedec. Samarco supported the event by supplying all of the infrastructure, which included offering vehicles, in addition to the participation of employees as facilitators.

The company, alongside Mariana and Barra Longa's civil defenses, hosted multiple meetings with community residents beforehand to explain how the drill would occur.

The drills integrate an Emergency System guided by the norms and procedures that comprise Samarco's Mining Dam Emergency Action Plans (PAEMB).

12 mining companies, an airline company, and members of civil defense from eight mining municipalities that contain dams participated in the drill.

Monitoring

Samaro reiterates that the dams are stable and are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The company's Monitoring and Inspection Center (CMI) has around 400 pieces of equipment including radar, accelerometers, robotic stations, inclinometers and drones. The area has been perfected and improved from the lessons learned from the Fundão Dam break on November 5, 2015.

Data are transmitted in real time and shown on screens at the CMI. Monitoring is done by Geotechnic management, made up of technicians and specialist engineers.

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