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The real focus this week though is in China, and the **Three Gorges Dam**, in Hubei Province, which is in imminent danger of collapse, due to torrential rain causing the Yangtze Basin to flood. The water has been rising for weeks, and there is now a very real risk that the water level will rise over the top of the dam, which would most likely cause it's collapse.

Make no mistake, **this will be one almighty catastrophe if this dam fails**, and people are already being evacuated in preparation for this.

The dam is the world's largest, and also the largest hydroelectric power station, supplying a large part of the region. The volume of water, 39 trillion kilograms, slightly slows the rotation of the earth.

There are many reasons why this is significant for mining, the main one being that there are many smelters in the region that could well be inundated with the resulting floods. Infrastructure would be severely damaged, and transport links broken, preventing the movement of commodities and goods.

The city of **Wuhan**, of covid-19 fame, is immediately downstream

and if the dam burst, would be severely effected by the torrent of water that would plummet down the river, and the infamous lab may be washed away.

Let's hope for the sake of all the people that are close to this event that the dam manages to hold and there is a safe conclusion to this crisis.

Precious metals

[Gold](#) had a volatile week, ending up back where it started, \$1,939, after briefly rising above \$2,000 per ounce on Tuesday, intraday. [Silver](#) performed the same as gold, ending a fraction up over the week, at \$26.69 with the intraday high point on Tuesday.

Stocks in the news

Not a great week price wise as the mining sector largely paused for breath, and slid backwards after the recent strong run.

[Orla Mining](#) received their EIS permit required for the construction of their Camino Rojo oxide gold project, another important step completed. Near neighbours in Zacatecas, [Minera Alamos](#), raised \$10 million in a discounted placing, raising at 63 cents, when the price was 73 cents, but whereas the price would normally retreat towards the lower placing price, it stayed firm, the market just took it in its stride and moved on. That is a very good sign in my opinion.

[03 Mining](#) commenced drilling at their Malartic property, and

the market will follow this very closely, as they are surrounded by producing and former mines in a very prospective area for gold. [Ascot Resources](#), a junior exploring in the 'Golden Triangle' area of British Columbia, reported some spectacular gold intercepts from their latest drill program, including 6 metres of 40.78 gpt gold.

ASX listed explorer [Bardoc Gold](#) commenced a major drill program on their project located just north of Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

Metal prices

Gold	1939
Silver	26.78
Copper	3.01
Nickel	6.65
Zinc	1.12

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