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Activities at a glance

Summary of our regulatory activities



SAFETY INCIDENT
NOTIFICATIONS
RECEIVED

131



DEPLOYMENT IN
RESPONSE TO SAFETY
INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS

7



SAFETY SITE
ASSESSMENTS
CONDUCTED

85



SAFETY SITE
ASSESSMENTS %
PROACTIVE (VS REACTIVE)
CONDUCTED

86%



SAFETY STATUTORY
NOTICES ISSUED

102



MINING ACT 1992
SITE ASSESSMENTS
CONDUCTED

34



MINING ACT 1992
SECURITY DEPOSIT
REVIEWS ACTIONED

10

Key activities

The NSW Resources Regulator published the following investigation and safety bulletins:

- two [weekly incident summaries](#) highlighting ten dangerous incidents
- [safety bulletins](#) on welding fume extraction fans and strata failure
- a [fact sheet](#) on ground or strata failure - slope stability in small mines
- [investigation report](#) and incident [animation video](#) released in relation to the death of Mr Brian Bryant in 2020 at an opal mine near Lightning Ridge.

Other publications as related to key activities included:

- [media release](#) on two individuals who were convicted and fined for breaching mining laws
- [decision](#) to reject a WHS undertaking given by Endeavour Coal Pty Ltd
- [compliance priorities outcomes](#) on contractor management in coal mines
- compliance audit program [report](#) for EL6803 and EL8245 – Koonenberry Gold Project

For more activities refer to [Mine Safety News](#) and [Mine Rehabilitation News](#).

Work Health and Safety activities

Safety incident notifications

DETAILS OF SAFETY INCIDENTS WHERE INSPECTORS WERE DEPLOYED

DATE NOTIFIED	REPORTING SECTOR	HAZARD	INCIDENT
10 Jan	Small mines – Metalliferous, Quarries and Other Gemstones	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A dump truck with its tub still raised has contacted and pulled down live overhead powerlines.
12 Jan	Coal mines	Mechanical engineering control plan	A light vehicle has failed to stop and give way to a haul truck at a t-intersection.
20 Jan	Coal mines	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A dozer working around an excavator has gone over a bank and rolled onto its side.
25 Jan	Coal mines	Fire or explosion	An explosive blast detonated prematurely.
25 Jan	Coal mines	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Two haul trucks have made contact whilst passing on roadway with width smaller than standard.
31 Jan	Coal mines	No related principal mining hazard or principal control plan	A dump truck was positioned in workshop and having a spindle hub removed when the hub fell to the floor.
31 Jan	Coal mines	Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A haul truck has lost control on a wet area of roadway and has made contact with a stationary haul truck in a single lane.
TOTAL			7

Targeted assessment program

*DETAILS OF TARGETED SAFETY SITE ASSESSMENTS**

SECTOR	HAZARD / CONTROL PLAN	NO.
Coal mines	Principal hazard - Spontaneous combustion	1
Large mines	Principal hazard - Fire or explosion	3
Grand Total		4

*Includes site assessments conducted virtually

Safety compliance – prohibition notices

Prohibition notices issued this month under section 195 of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

PROHIBITION NOTICES ISSUED

ISSUED TO PCBU*	MINE LOCATION	PROHIBITED ACTIVITY
CTK Natural Resources Pty Ltd	Bago Forest Quarry	No person is to proceed along the walkways beyond the left and right-side doors of the identified articulated dump truck, unless it is to enter the cabin.
HV Operations Pty Ltd	Hunter Valley Operations	Prohibit any loading and blasting activity in the blast area surrounding premature explosion incident area.
Maules Creek Coal Pty Ltd	Maules Creek Mine	The use of all haulage roadways is to be stopped.
Maules Creek Coal Pty Ltd	Maules Creek Mine	Prohibit the dumping of material on specified dump, with the exception of dumping of material to repair this area.
Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd	Tomingley Gold Mine	Workers are prohibited access to pit ramp with the exception of geotechnical assessment.
Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd	Tomingley Gold Mine	Workers are prohibited access below the switchback in the ramp with limited exceptions.
W J Murdoch & Co	Mt Knowles Mine	The mobile jaw crusher is not to be operated for production purposes.
W J Murdoch & Co	Mt Knowles Mine	The fixed plant crushing screening and conveyor systems on site are not to be operated for production purposes.
Wollongong Coal Limited	Russell Vale Colliery	Coal cutting production with a continuous miner with less than the minimum required ventilation quantity.

TOTAL

9

Mining authorisation activities

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS REFUSED

MINE	REGULATION PROVISION	
Mandalong Mine	WHS(MPS) Reg cl 71 (2) (c) (i). Ventilation and volume of methane standards.	
TOTAL		1

HIGH RISK ACTIVITY NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED

MINE	LEGISLATION*	TYPE OF NOTIFICATION	NO.
Cadia Valley Shared Surface Infrastructure	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 35	The establishment, operation, alteration or decommissioning of a tailings storage facility.	1
Dargues Gold Mine	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 35	The establishment, operation, alteration or decommissioning of a tailings storage facility	1
Mandalong Mine	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 16(1)(a)	Secondary extraction by longwall mining, shortwall mining or miniwall mining.	1
Tahmoor Colliery	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 16(1)(a)	Secondary extraction by longwall mining, shortwall mining or miniwall mining.	1
Ulan Underground Mine	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 7(2)(a)	Working in inrush control zone.	1
Ulan Underground Mine	WHS(MPS) Reg Sch 3 cl 9	Shotfiring, if shotfiring has not been undertaken within a year prior to the intended time of shotfiring.	1
TOTAL			6

*Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014

Mining Act 1992 regulatory activities

Compliance activities

Statutory notices issued

NOTICES OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED DETAILS

No statutory notices from s.240 of the Mining Act 1922 were issued in January 2022.

Key enforcement actions

MINING ACT 1992 KEY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

No enforcement actions were undertaken in January 2022.

Industry engagement activities

Committees and other industry body involvement

COMMITTEES AND OTHER INDUSTRY BODY INVOLVEMENT

There was no committee attendance or involvement in other industry bodies undertaken in January 2022.

External education and engagement activities

WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

There were no workshops or information sessions held in January 2022.

Publication and alerts

MEDIA RELEASES, SAFETY BULLETINS AND PUBLICATIONS

TYPE	NO
Guidance material	1
Investigation reports	1
Media release / news item	1
Mine safety news	1
Reports	2
Safety bulletins	2
Video	1
Weekly summary	2
Grand Total	11