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## Media Release

# Resources Regulator year in review: compliance priorities

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The NSW Resources Regulator has completed a comprehensive compliance campaign in response to incidents and feedback from industry to ensure a safe and sustainable mining industry across the state.

Priorities for 2023 have included mobile plant safety, vehicle incident controls, implementation of new requirements under the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2022, psychosocial risks, and working at heights.

NSW Resources Regulator Executive Director Peter Day said the role of the Regulator was to engage with and educate industry about best practice.

"Our key priorities are providing information and guidance about safety, environmental and other regulatory obligations to protect and support industry, workers, the community and the state," Mr Day said.

"Our inspectors work hard each and every day, attending mine training days and pre-shift briefings to educate workers and reduce the number of incidents on mine sites."

The NSW Resources Regulator sets out its key priorities and proactive assessment programs every 6 months to ensure inspectors and industry are working collaboratively.

Mr Day said regular reporting ensures best practice was maintained.

"Producing and sharing these reports on our activities ensures the Regulator can provide increased transparency and confidence in our compliance and enforcement activities," Mr Day said.

"This also reminds the mining industry of their obligations and promotes voluntary compliance."

Key compliance activities undertaken in 2023 include:

- **Mobile plant safety** - 39 small mines were targeted between March and August 2023 where 31 compliance notices were issued to 27 mines.

- **Pressure vessels** - 72 small mines were targeted between April and August 2023 where 55 compliance notices were issued to 49 mines and 39 metalliferous and extractives mines targeted between February and June 2023 where 32 notices were issued to 27 mines.
- **Implementation of the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2022** - 36 small mines were visited between April and August 2023 where 23 compliance notices were issued to 21 sites. Forty coal mines were visited between January and May 2023 where two notices were issued and 44 metalliferous and extractives mines and petroleum sites visited between January and April 2023 where 34 notices were issued.
- **Psychosocial risks** - 22 surface and 18 underground coal mines were visited between January and May 2023 where one mine was given one notice relating to compliance with amended legislation and 44 metalliferous and extractives mines and petroleum sites were visited between January and May 2023 where 12 notices were issued.
- **Working at heights** - 47 small mines were targeted between August 2022 and April 2023 where 79 notices were issued to 47 mines.
- **Roads or other vehicle operating areas stage 1, dumps and excavation areas** - 19 surface coal mines were visited between January and May 2023 where 12 notices were issued to 4 mines.
- **Hazard reporting of safety-related issues** - 50 small mines were targeted from January to April 2023 where 24 notices were issued to 22 mines.

The full reports can be accessed [here](#).

Between January and June 2024, the Regulator aims to complete 8 compliance priorities that includes fires on mobile plant, lifting and craneage, airborne contaminants, audiometric testing, psychosocial awareness, blasting (explosive safety), continued assessment and determination of rehabilitation assessment outcome documents (large mines), and enabling small mines to transition to comply with the new rehabilitation requirements.

More information can be found [here](#).

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