

Fact sheet

Assessment program - small mines - tier 3 quarries

October 2024



The Resources Regulator has developed a planned assessment program to conduct a review of safety management systems at tier 3 quarries.

The assessment program will be conducted by mine safety inspectors during 2024/25.

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Safety management systems review

The Regulator's assessment program will focus on the review key elements that must be included within a safety management system including the systems, procedures, plans and other control measures that will be used to control risks to health and safety at the mine. The assessment review includes:

- statutory positions
- safety management systems
- emergency planning
- contractor management
- supervision
- training
- incident reporting
- plant and equipment standards



Considerations

Mine operators should consider the review of critical controls to prevent serious injury or death is included within the site safety management plans and associated documentation.

Further guidance and information for operators of small mines and quarries is provided on the Regulator's web page:

www.resources.nsw.gov.au/resources-regulator/safety/health-and-safety-management/small-mines-and-quarries

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Relevant safety alerts, safety bulletins and information resources published by the Resources Regulator:

Date published	Reference	Title
September 2024	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB24-07 Mobile plant used for pulling create line of fire hazard
August 2024	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB24-05 Wheel assemblies detaching from mobile plant
July 2024	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB24-04 Large number of hand and finger injuries reported
July 2024	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB24-03 Overtaking or passing equipment in mining areas
March 2024	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB24-01 Bulldozer incident increase
February 2024	Safety alert	Safety alert SA24-01 Wheel rim ejected during tyre inflation
November 2023	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB23-09 Incidents show poor response to tyre fires on heavy earth moving machinery
November 2023	Safety alert	Safety alert SA23-04 Unintended initiation of unidentified (misfired) explosives during excavation
August 2023	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB23-07 Fitness for work - fatigue
December 2022	Safety bulletin	Safety bulletin SB22-17 Fires on battery powered tools increase

References	
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