



THE NATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COUNCIL FOR THE
NEW ZEALAND MINING AND QUARRY SECTOR

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In the interests of safety in our industry please circulate widely.

April 2015

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The Health & Safety in the Workplace bill

In our recent March newsletter we advised members of the impending release of various exposure drafts of the regulations that will accompany the new Health and Safety in the Workplace act due for implementation in October of this year.

MBIE have now released the following information:

Cabinet has made initial decisions about the first phase of regulations to support the new Health and Safety at Work Act, following public consultation on proposals last year.

You can now read the Cabinet papers on the MBIE website at

<http://www.mbie.govt.nz/what-we-do/workplace-health-and-safety-reform/development-of-regulations-to-support-the-new-health-and-safety-at-work-act> Some of the content

of the papers has been withheld in order to protect the confidentiality of the Select Committee process for the Health and Safety Reform Bill. The Select Committee is due to report the Bill back to Parliament by the end of May.

A key decision made by Cabinet was to allow the release of exposure drafts of the various phase one regulations and I am pleased to let you know that the first 'batch' of exposure drafts of the phase one regulations to support the new Act can now be viewed at <http://www.mbie.govt.nz/what-we-do/workplace-health-and-safety-reform/development-of-regulations-to-support-the-new-health-and-safety-at-work-act/exposure-drafts-of-phase-one-regulations> .

The exposure drafts are those for:

- *General risk and workplace management*
- *Major Hazard Facilities*
- *Recently-made HSE regulations covering the mining, petroleum and adventure activities sectors being transferred into the new regime.*

We expect the exposure draft of the asbestos regulations will be put on the same site later this week, and there is information on the website about expected timing for the remaining exposure drafts.

MinEx will be making a submission on all three exposure drafts and note the deadline for submission is 15 May 2015.

If members wish to become part of the MinEx submission then we ask that they follow the timetable below. Note that in the case of the 2013 regulations we are going to have to complete a regulation by regulation comparison of the proposed regulations with those currently in place to determine if there have been any changes and assess the significance of these.

- Exposure drafts released 7 April
 - Complete regulation comparison 24 April
 - Complete draft submission for review 1 May
 - Member responses by 7 May
 - Final submission 15 May
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Risk management course 26856

The Knowles Group is running another risk management course in May. On successful completion of this course you will have met the qualification for the unit standard 26856 – Carry out the risk management processes at an extractive site.

Date: 6,7 May 2015

Venue: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

101 Curran Street
Westhaven Extension
Auckland New Zealand

Time: 08:30 hrs - Tea and coffee
09:00 hrs – Course starts each
day
16:00 hrs – Finish each day

Information on the course outline and on the course fees can be found [here](#).

Could you please confirm with Lisa Morrall, the course administrator, your intention to attend by close of business Wednesday 29 April 2015
lisa@jkgroup.com.au

Board of Examiners

WorkSafe has issued a notice calling for expressions of interest from suitably

MinEx contract CEO appointment

The MinEx CEO contract was advertised in early March and 10 proposals were received from a range of applicants from both New Zealand and abroad.

The board completed due diligence and Les McCracken's contract as CEO of MinEx has been renewed for a further 12 months.

This is an important role as the quarry and mining sectors take on the new regulations and, in some cases, learn what a risk based approach to safety management means. We are fortunate to have someone of Les's capability to lead these changes – an observation tragically highlighted by the two recent fatalities

Human Factors course 26855

NZ Mines Rescue Service are running a Human Factors Course throughout 2015.

Analyse Human Factors present in workplace practices to determine how they contribute to incidents at an extractive site.

This unit standard is a new requirement

qualified and experienced people for appointment as an examination panel member for extractive industries' certificates of competence (CoCs). Panel members are appointed by the New Zealand Mining Board of Examiners.

[Click here for more information](#)

Mines Rescue 2015 – 2016 levy

The Mines Rescue Trust has set the levy for 2015-2016 year at \$1,512,400. The levy for 2014-2015 was \$1,523,500.

This levy is then charged to Mine Operators as defined in section 19M of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 as amended 16 December 2013 in accordance with sections 6 to 8 inclusive of the [Mines Rescue Levy Regulations 2014](#).

CoC training

On 2 April, the WorkSafe Chief Inspector released the following request:

Following the Royal Commission on the Pike River coal mine tragedy, emphasis has been placed on improving the level of competence required for persons charged with making safety critical decisions in the extractive industries. Building capability throughout the sector

for a Certificate of Competence (CoC) under the Health and Safety in Employment (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) Regulations 2013 for the following CoC holders:

- First Class Mine Manager
- First Class Coal Mine Manager
- A Grade Opencast Coal Mine Manager
- B Grade Opencast Coal Mine Manager
- A Grade Quarry Manager
- A Grade Tunnel Manager
- Coal Mine Deputy
- B Grade Tunnel Manager
- Coal Mine Underviewer

Dates:

May 14/15 – Auckland

July 9/10 Dunedin

Aug 13/14 Rapahoe

Information on the course outline and the course fees can be found [here](#).

New Zealand Mines Rescue Service are pleased to be working in partnership with LEADING SAFETY Principles Dr Hillary Bennett and Dr Philip Voss who will be the facilitators for this two day workshop.

Limited numbers so please email training.minesrescue@xtra.co.nz to register for this workshop as soon as possible

Am I a mine or quarry?

The flow-sheet below has been

is critical. High quality training is important to building that capability so the effectiveness of the programmes provided is vital. The industry must be able to have the utmost confidence in the training delivery and course achievement outcomes.

WorkSafe NZ is committed to ensuring that industry can have that confidence. We are aware of concerns that some providers and some courses may not be meeting the standards we and industry expect.

WorkSafe needs your direct feedback to allow us to understand where our expectations may not be met and to allow us to respond effectively to ensure any gaps are addressed.

We all want to see the training having a positive impact on workplace competence. There is no room for compromise here.

Please send your feedback to HHU.extractives@worksafe.govt.nz.

If you have concerns about any training being delivered then please respond to both the HHU and MinEx so we can assist in resolving any issues.

Currently at least one new training organisation with capability in risk training is in the process of establishing in NZ which will assist with capability and capacity.

MITO is currently working on identifying suitable trainers from Australia for the SSE unit standards 23547 Establish Risk Mgt System (G3) and 23548 Establish & Maintain H&S System since there are no providers for these in NZ and the numbers at 40 are too small to interest providers

For Mechanical & Electrical Superintendents there are 3 technical

developed to assist a number of industries in understanding their potential obligations under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and the Health and Safety in Employment (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) Regulations 2013.

Am I a quarry flow chart and information sheet

Safety Statistics

Click to download the latest Safety Stats for the third quarter of 2014.

Download MinEx Safety Statistics 2014

Safety Alerts

All 2014/15 safety alerts can be found on the [MinEx Website](#). Click to download

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units that some will not have completed
and more work needs to be done here.

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