

# Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

## Severe weather hazards

Following a severe weather event, a weekend site safety check was conducted at a quarry. A majority of culverts were overloaded during the night and two haul roads were partially washed out.

The clean water diversion was also overloaded, causing water to flow over bunding and benches into the pit and back towards the pit pond instead of through the diversion.

Vegetation and debris blockages contributed to the problem. All drains and culverts were unblocked and flowing normally.

[MinEx statistics](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 8 years show 3% of incidents (227 incidents) have resulted in environmental damage, many of which posed safety risks also.



### You need to ensure that:

1. Regular maintenance of culvert and diversion drain capacity is conducted to ensure they have capacity for severe rain events.
2. Inspections are conducted for all work areas following severe weather events to identify hazards and control them before work is commenced.
3. You prepare for storm events, including proactive culvert clearing, infrastructure protection, equipment positioning, and a structured severe weather response plan to reduce environmental, operational, and safety risks during extreme rainfall.

**Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.**