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## New regs by Christmas

New and appropriate regulations for the mining and quarry sector have been floating around as an idea for several years; now they are happening.

In my first meeting with new Workplace Relations and Safety Minister, Iain Lees-Galloway, he confirmed he wants to see these in the place by the end of this year. Full marks to him for that.

We've already prepared a 300-page submission – don't worry I'm not going to ask you to read it.

In short, some of the key things we are looking for include:

- Defining what exactly is a quarry – otherwise judges will determine this. It should, in MinEx's view, exclude small scale extraction on farms, forests and civil construction sites
- Changes to CoCs to include:
  - A new definition of a Quarry Manager – effectively an A Grade CoC
  - A new definition of a Quarry Supervisor – effectively a B Grade CoC
  - A new Manager of an Alluvial Gold Operation
  - Clarification of roles of Ventilation officer, Electrical Superintendent and Mechanical Superintendent



- Revised application of Electrical and Mechanical Control Plans
- Revised requirements for escape ways in underground mines and tunnels
- Clarifying the definition of a suspended mine and a mine in care and maintenance.

MinEx will provide the lead here but if you've got any concerns or views, let's hear them – whether about the new regs or anything else raised in this March newsletter.

Meanwhile, MinEx welcomes the appointment of [Paul Hunt as Chief Inspector Extractives](#) in WorkSafe's High Hazards Unit. Paul brings experience in quarrying and tunnelling as well as mines. He's hitting the ground running later this month, based in Hamilton.

I look forward to working with Paul on the regs and much more and regard it as step forward to have someone with experience across the various facets of our sector.

Stay safe

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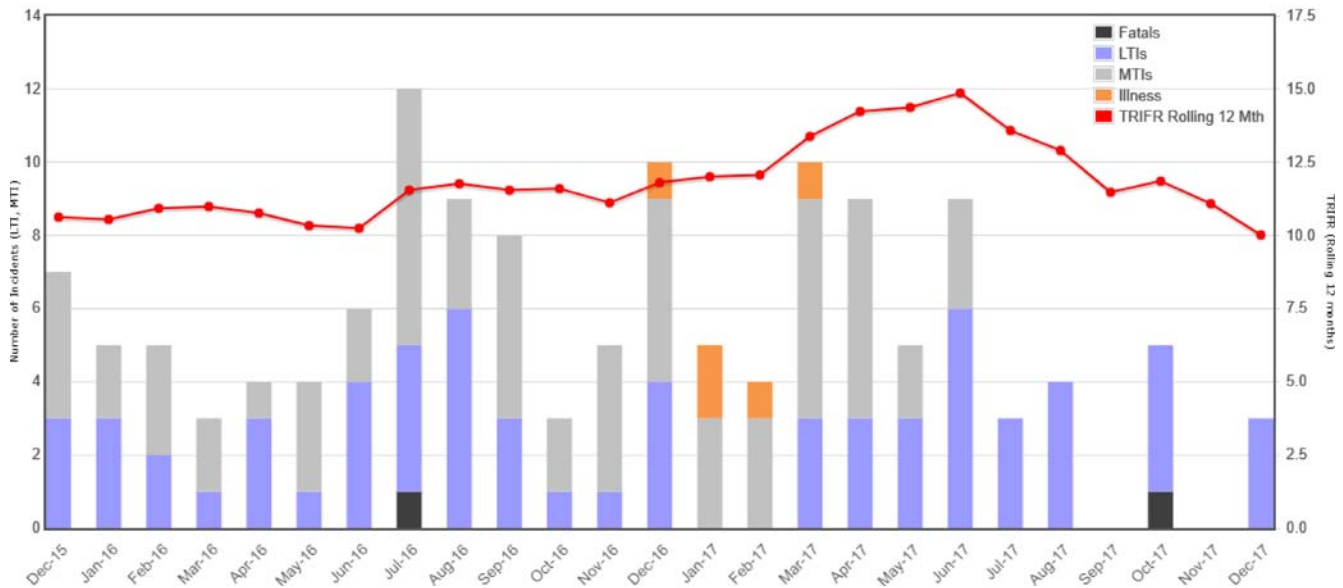
## Safety statistics released

When it comes to safety statistics, my focus is on getting details of near-hits, rather than actual injuries.

The reason for that is when alerted to a near-hit, MinEx can then advise the sector and help reduce the chances of an incident where a near-hit becomes an injury or even a fatality.

I'm delighted to say since MinEx issued this appeal for details about near-hits six months ago, we have had more than 300 reported incidents. That's fantastic - please keep the details coming.

It's far too early to say any results are coming from this but I am pleased to acknowledge a good drop in total reportable injuries in the last half of 2017. See all the results in the [Q4 2017 data just released](#).



TRIFR data: All operations Dec 2015 - Dec 2017

If this trend holds, it will be very welcome and a good signal that our sector is starting to get to grips with the new health and safety requirements.

Tracking any such success relies on good data - be it for injury events or near misses. Every three months, MinEx gathers and collates data from companies recording the number of hours worked and the types of incidents that have occurred.

The data is shown for two sectors of the industry - underground and surface operations - as well as an overall summary.

If your company does not currently supply statistics it would be great to include you in these. Please contact me - [wayne@minex.org.nz](mailto:wayne@minex.org.nz)

## Palmerston North Training forum – hopefully just a start



I will be at the WorkSafe all-day forum on Friday March 23, when WorkSafe and MinEx are bringing together an all-day workshop to equip extractives sector decision-makers with tools and knowledge to achieving best practice training and supervision.

**Where: Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre, 354 Main St**

**When: 23 March 2018**

**Time: 9am to 5pm**

It's designed for quarry and mine managers, supervisors and Site Senior Executives. There will be some top people there including WorkSafe's new COO Phil Parkes and Paul Sutton from the IOQ Australia. You can check out the [wide range of topics and speakers here](#). [Register](#) for the Palmerston North forum or contact [Charlene Donald](#) (06) 986 6207.

What I hope is that this forum will be the start of some wider regional engagement. I regularly hear from quarry and mine operators that they need events in their patch, rather than sending someone to another centre.

I'm hoping to get the financial support from a number of organisations to allow me to bring a 3-hour health and safety workshop to 16 or 17 smaller centres in coming months. These workshops will be timed for late afternoon, to minimise work disruption and maximise attendance.

If you are asked to support these regional workshops, please seriously consider giving your support.

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## MinEx doing the rounds

As mentioned, I had my first meeting with our Minister, Iain Lees-Galloway and although it's early days I have to say he seemed across the issues and committed to doing all he can to improve health and safety outcomes in the extractives sector. Confirming the new regs is a welcome first step.

Around the same time I met Phil Parkes, the new Chief Operating Officer at WorkSafe, who has started with some energy and preparedness to front the issues. His public introductory comments included a reference to the WorkSafe survey identifying all the quarries there are nation-wide. He gave the total – 1,200 – a total which WorkSafe has previously been shy about identifying.

Also, I had a meeting with Amy Adams just after she narrowly lost the National Party leadership contest, though this was in her role as MP for Selwyn which includes the Yaldhurst quarries and that proposed at Templeton by Fulton Hogan. She's an MP who isn't shy about speaking out about her constituents' interests; that said, she's also just been made Finance spokesperson, which can only reinforce her understanding of the importance of successful businesses. MinEx hopes to continue to engage with Ms Adams.



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## Chief Operating Officer appointed



MinEx have been assisting Te Kāhui Whakamana Rua Tekau mā Iwa, the Pike River Recovery Agency, and are pleased to see the appointment of Kevin "Dinghy" Pattinson as Chief Operating Officer.

Kevin is from Greymouth and brings more than 40 years of underground mining experience to the role. In addition to his strong mining background, Dinghy has been actively involved with the NZ Mines Rescue Service for the past 33 years.

Kevin leaves a vacancy at Oceana's Macraes Underground operation. If anyone with suitable skills, experience and qualifications is interested in enquiring about the Underground Superintendent's role, please contact [Lisa Mills](#).

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## Light at the end of small tunnels

WorkSafe has also announced that in collaboration with the NZ Tunnelling Society, it has prepared draft guidelines based on international small diameter tunnel construction.

This follows concerns over the lack of regulation or guidance for tunnels less than 1.2m in diameter.

The guidance document will be considered through till June and is then planned to be published as an industry guide.

Other guidelines can be found on the [MinEx website](#).



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## Time to put in those award entries

The conference and awards season is getting closer and with it the opportunity to nominate and recognise those who are doing good work in health and safety.

Both the inaugural [Minerals Forum](#) and the Safeguard NZ Workplace Health and Safety Awards are both taking place at the end of May.

Things are also starting to shape up for the IOQ industry awards handed out at the [QuarryNZ](#)

[conference](#) in July.

Whether you are attending the first-ever Minerals Forum, the Safeguard H&S function or the QuarryNZ conference - or not, you are able to submit entries.



### **Last days! Closing date TODAY 16 March 2018**

Awards at the Minerals Forum are across three categories: Health & Safety, Innovation and Environmental Management. The Health and Safety Initiative Award is given to the organisation responsible for implementing an innovative and effective health and safety programme in the minerals, mining, and quarrying sector.

[For more details visit the website](#)



### **Entries close 4 April**

The Safeguard NZ Workplace Health and Safety Awards are given across a wide-range categories. Entries need to be received by April. Categories include:

- Best initiatives to address a work-related safety risk, to encourage worker involvement in health and safety, to promote better worker health and best health or safety initiative by a business of no more than 50 staff
- Best use of innovative NZ design or technology to eliminate or manage a risk
- Best Board level engagement in health and safety
- Health and safety practitioner, representative and leader of the year
- Lifetime achievement award.

[For more details download the entry pack](#)

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## Entries are required by May 31

The [Institute of Quarrying NZ Awards](#) cover nearly a dozen categories up to lifetime awards including:

- Winstone Aggregates Safety Award
- WorkSafe Chief Inspector Safety Leadership Award

IOQNZ Awards are made at the QuarryNZ conference being held at the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton July 18-20. Registration now open at [quarrynz.com](http://quarrynz.com)

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## Risk toolkit for business leaders and CEOs

The Business Leaders Health & Safety Forum have just released an excellent Risk toolkit for Business leaders and CEOs.



What's in the toolkit:

[CEO Guide to Risk](#): Supports CEOs to improve H&S risk management by providing a personal assessment, a team assessment and suggested actions to improve risk management.

[Digging Deeper](#): Helps CEOs dig deeper into the effectiveness of their health and safety risk management by providing probing questions to examine specific areas of performance in depth.

[What Good Looks Like](#): Provides examples of useful health and safety risk management tools. These include examples of a bow tie; risk profile; risk management policy; risk assessment; and risk assurance matrix.

The toolkit is also being launched at events around the country in partnership with the Institute of Directors and WorkSafe.

**Hamilton:** [20 March, 12.00 pm- 2.00 pm](#)

**Whangarei:** [23 March, 10.30 am-12.00 pm](#)

**Auckland:** [4 April, 7.00 am-8.30 am](#)

**New Plymouth:** [17 April, 12.00 pm-1.30 pm](#)

**Nelson:** [2 May, 12.00 pm-1.30 pm](#)

**Christchurch:** [20 June, 12.00 pm-2.00 pm](#)

Register for the launch events [here](#).

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## Dr Megan Woods at Minerals Forum



The New Zealand Minerals Forum is on in Queenstown on May 29-30, 2018.

It attracts high-level attendance from mining companies, government regulators and agencies, the investment community and service companies.

The new Minister for Energy and Resources, Dr Megan Woods will give her first speech to the sector.

The forum will include New Zealand mineral investment opportunities, regulatory roadmap guidance and a focus on local government, environmental compliance and showcasing of best practice in New Zealand.

*You will be able to add CDP hours for attending.* Register [here](#).

[View the full programme details](#)

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## Explosives Certified Handler seminar

This seminar is aimed at providing information for persons who are applying for new or renewed certification as a Certified Handler for using explosives. This will qualify you for 8 hours of formal CPD.

**Date: Wednesday 21 March**

**Time: 8:30am - 4.30pm**

**Venue: J Swap Contractors, Matamata**





[Download the information and registration form here](#)

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