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Plant Safety in the Mining Industry Seminar

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Communication and managing information



Communication Strategy

The *Safety First* Communication Strategy for the implementation of the new NSW coal mine safety legislation has two main objectives:

- To ensure there is an understanding and acceptance of the new safety legislation for the coal mining industry
- To ensure there is a smooth implementation of the new legislation

Supporting documentation is assisting industry understand its legislative obligations



Communication Strategy

- The Communication Strategy will also encompass the pending implementation of the new *Mine Health and Safety Act 2004 and Regulation 2007* and the extension of the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001* to the NSW mining industry.
- This strategy is part of NSW DPI's overall communication with the mining industry as we all strive to improve safety performance



Information and support documents

- NSW DPI has developed a suite of documents and information to assist industry
- Industry has an obligation to review and assess the support documentation available from NSW DPI.
- After reviewing the information, ask yourself the following questions:
 - Is it relevant to me and my operation?
 - How will I manage this information?



Information and support documents

- The supporting documentation has been developed to help industry fulfil its legislative obligations
- So, what does the suite of support documentation consist of and where do you find it?



Information and support documents

Supporting documents

- Summary of the *CMHS Act 2002* and *CMHS Regulation 2006* – key points of legislation and your legislative obligations
- Summary guide of the *OHS Act 2000* and *OHS Regulation 2001*
- NSW DPI Guidance Notes, Technical References and Guidelines – advice on specific issues and how to meet your legislative obligations, including references to legislation



Information and support documents

- Links to legislation
- Safety Alerts and Safety Bulletins
- Mining Design Guidelines (MDGs)
- Mine Safety Update newsletter
- Audit and assessment tools



Information and support documents

Supporting documents

- Legislation Updates and Gazette notices – technical specifications contained in Gazette notices
- Application forms and guides for plant item and design registration



Finding out more

How do you get more information?

- Guidance Notes, Technical References, Guidelines, seminar PowerPoint presentations and other supporting documentation are available for download from Mine Safety website's dedicated legislation page at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation
- Website is key portal for information and supporting documentation



Finding out more

- If you have a specific question about plant safety, NSW DPI is able to help
- You can contact an Inspector or Mine Safety Officer
- Alternatively, you can email you question to:
mine.safety@dpi.nsw.gov.au
- You can also register to receive safety information via email at the Mine Safety website:
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety



Summary

- Review the information and support documentation available from NSW DPI
- Assess whether the information is relevant to your work area, and if so act upon it
- Contact NSW DPI if your require further information or assistance.