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Mine Safety Performance

Introduction of Check Inspectors Training Program
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Training Provisions

OHS Committees

- Site Check Inspectors are members of OHS Committees (OHS Act Section 17(b)).
- As OHS Committees members they require 4 days training.



Training Provisions (Continued)

Site Check Inspectors

- For the purpose of assessing if a person is competent to perform the functions of a Site Check Inspector, the operator must ensure that training of a Site Check Inspector is undertaken as soon as practicable after a Site Check Inspector is elected. (unless the site check inspector has previously undertaken an accredited course of training).



Proposed Training Course for Site Check Inspectors

- 4 days as Structured below:

SESSION 1			
			Nominal Time
Day 1:	Module 1:	Coal Mine Legislative Framework	1 hour
	Module 2:	The Check Inspector	1 hour
	Module 3:	OHS Management Systems	2 hours
	Module 5:	General Hazard Management	2 hours
	Module 6:	Major Hazard Management	2 hours
Day 2:	Module 7:	Emergency Response	2 hours
	Module 9:	Safety and Health Investigations	6 hours
WORPLACE APPLICATION / ASSESSMENT			



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SESSION 2			
			Nominal Time
Day 3:	Module 4:	Risk Assessment	8 hours
Day 4:	Module 8:	Inspection and Auditing	6.5 hours
	Module 10:	Planning and Integrating Check Inspector Activities	6 hours
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Implementation

- The Local Check Inspectors Training Course has been considered by the Coal Competence Board and has been agreed to, in principle.
- However the Employers representative while they support the content of the course, do not support the need for 4 days training as OHS Committee Members and 4 days for Local Check Inspectors, 8 days in total.



Implementation (Continued)

- Employees see duplication in the training.
- What the employers wish to see is an amalgamation of the two courses into a four or five day course.
- The content of the two courses has been reviewed and mapped for duplication / overlap.
- Approach made to WorkCover to accept Local Check Inspectors Course as satisfying OHS Committee Training.
- It is intended that the Coal Competence Board will specify the training program for a Local Check Inspector.



How is the Local Check Inspectors Course going to be run

For all current Check Inspectors

- DPI to run training sessions by an accredited trainer in two blocks of two days at a number of locations in coal fields to get group size to an acceptable number and to avoid or minimise travel and accommodation costs.
- DPI will be talking to the Industry Check Inspectors about these locations.



Training of New Check Inspectors

- Accredited Trainers will provide the Check Inspector Training Course.
- It is likely to be run on the basis of demand and / or at set times during the year. DPI might co-ordinate the arrangements to ensure the most efficient and effective arrangements operate.



When

- Depends on sorting out the OHS Committee training with WorkCover, but it could be up and running early next year.



Outcome

- Local Check Inspectors trained and competent to successfully undertake their important role.