

GUIDANCE

Catalogue of support documents for NSW mine health and safety legislation

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001
Mine Health and Safety Act 2004
Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2007



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Overview

The NSW Government commenced new legislation on 21 December 2007 to better protect the healthy, safety and welfare of workers in the NSW metalliferous, extractives and opal mining sectors.

The *Mine Health and Safety Act 2004* and the *Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2007* were commenced on this date. Duties under the MHS Act and the MHS Regulation will commence on 1 September 2008.

The new legislation supports the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000*, which is the primary legislation regulating health and safety in NSW workplaces.

This Catalogue of Support Documents provides a road map to published material to help industry better understand matters covered by health and safety legislation in relation to mining work in the metalliferous, extractives and opal mining sectors.

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Legislation

Acts

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000

Mine Health and Safety Act 2004

Explosives Act 2003

www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/scanact/inforce/NONE/0

Regulations

Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001

Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2007

Explosives Regulation 2005

www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/scanact/inforce/NONE/0

Summaries of legislation

Summary of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000

www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/Publications/LawAndPolicy/Acts/default.htm

or contact WorkCover on 13 10 50

Summary of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001

www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/Publications/LawAndPolicy/Regulations/default.htm

or contact WorkCover on 13 10 50

Overview of the Mine Health and Safety Act 2004 and Mine Health and Safety Regulation 2007

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Guidance Notes

GNM-001 Nomination of Operator

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

GNM-002 Notification of Incident

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

GNM-003 Preparing a Mine Safety Management Plan

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

GNM-004 Contractors

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

GNM-005 Construction Work at Mines

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666



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Technical References

Electrical Engineering Safety Technical Reference for NSW metalliferous and extractives mines

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Reporting Forms

MEX-NIF Notification of Incident form

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

MEX-WIR Workplace Injury Reporting form

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666



Codes of Practice

National Codes of Practice

Control of work-related exposure to hepatitis and HIV
Manual handling
Material safety data sheets (supplier duties)
Prevention of occupational overuse syndrome
Safe handling of timber preservatives and treated timber
Safe use of synthetic mineral fibres
www.ascc.gov.au/ascc/HealthSafety/OHSstandards/ or contact the Australian Safety and Compensation Council on 02 6121 5317

NSW Codes of Practice

Note that the NSW Codes of Practice relating to the following have already been approved by the Minister for Mineral Resources and apply to the NSW mining sector:

Control of workplace hazardous substances
Storage and handling of dangerous goods
Workplace amenities
www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/Publications/LawAndPolicy/CodesofPractice/default.htm

Note that the NSW Codes of Practice relating to the following will apply to the NSW mining sector upon the proposed full extension of the OHS Regulation on 1 September 2008:

Control of work-related exposure to hepatitis and HIV
Manual handling
Material safety data sheets (supplier duties)
Prevention of occupational overuse syndrome
Safe handling of timber preservatives and treated timber
Safe use of synthetic mineral fibres
Electrical practices for construction work
Mono-strand post-tensioning of concrete buildings
Cutting and drilling concrete and other masonry products
Amenities for construction work
OHS induction training for construction
Labelling of workplace substances
Noise management and protection of hearing at work
OHS consultation
Safe use of pesticides
Work in hot and cold environments
Formwork
Safe work on roofs - commercial and industrial
Excavation
Moving plant on construction sites
Safe work on roofs - part 2 – residential

www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/Publications/LawAndPolicy/CodesofPractice/default.htm



Risk Management

General risk management

Minerals Industry Risk Handbook

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/publications/workbooks/safety-handbook

Risk Management Pocket Guide

Available from your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Small Mines Safety Management Kit

Available from your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Safety Management Plan Workbook

Available from your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

MDG 1010 Minerals Industry Risk Management Handbook

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/publications/mdg> or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

MDG 1014 Guideline to reviewing a risk assessment of mine equipment and operations

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/publications/mdg> or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

General Workplace Inspection Checklist

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Construction

See list of Codes of Practice above

GNM-005 Construction Work at Mines

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Consultation

See list of Codes of Practice above

Audit Checklist for OHS Consultation

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Audit Checklist for Safety Alert Management Systems

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Explosives

Audit Checklist for Explosives Management Systems

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666



Manual handling

WorkCover website

www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/Publications/OHS/ManualHandling/default.htm

See list of Codes of Practice above

National Certificates of Competency

To find a Public Assessor to get a National Certificate of Competency:

<http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/WorkcoverOnline/PublicAssessors/default.htm> or

contact WorkCover on 13 10 50 or 02 4321 5497 (certification)

(This will allow you to put in what area you live near and what NCOC you are after)

FAQs - National Certificates of Competencies Photo Licences (fees and process)

http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/2635AE9C-082F-481C-9B31-3C30BE7C79D/0/photo_licences_national_certificate_of_competency_faqs_4962.pdf

Operator duties

GNM-001 Nomination of Operator

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/legislation/mines or contact your local NSW DPI regional office or telephone 02 4931 6666

Plant

Plant Guide 2001

www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/Publications/Industry/Plant/plantguide2001.htm or

contact WorkCover on 13 10 50 or 02 4321 5498 (item and design registration)

Licensing, Registration and Notification (includes forms)

<http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/Publications/default.htm#LicensingRegistrationandNotification>

or contact WorkCover on 13 10 50

Further information

You can also contact your nearest NSW WorkCover Authority office and request a publications disc, which includes more than 800 WorkCover publications on it.

WorkCover Info Centre:	13 10 50
Asbestos/Demolition Hotline:	02 8260 5885
Dust Diseases Board:	1800 555 027