

Changes to Mining Legislation

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Topics

- Legislation changes
- Site Senior Executive Notices
- Site Senior Executive competencies
- Respirable Crystalline Silica QGL02

1. Safety Legislation for Exploration

Mining & Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999 and Regulations 2017

“But we are only drilling, we are not a mine”

S9 Act (1) A **mine** is any of the following places-

A place where **operations** are carried on, continuously or from time to time, within the boundaries of land the subject of a mining tenure.....

S10 Act **Operations** are activities carried out principally for, or in connection with exploring for, winning, or winning and treating, minerals or hard rock

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2.Site Senior Executive Notice

If more than 10 workers are employed at a mine an Operator must not appoint a person to be site senior executive for the mine unless the person holds a site senior executive notice

Have until 9 November 2019 to apply for a notice

Competencies have been mandated for surface site senior executives. Have until July 2020 to obtain them

Can apply for an interim notice until July 2020



3. Site Senior Executive Competencies



Unless directed otherwise by an inspector of mines

Site Senior Executive Competencies

Persons have until July 2020 to obtain these competencies

Lesser requirements for persons who were SSEs on or before 1 July 2018

Are these competencies in surface operations management appropriate for the exploration sector?

We would like to engage with the sector as to what competencies would be appropriate

As a minimum we believe the competencies should include:

- Risk management
- Safety and health management system
- Emergency response
- Legislation



4. Respirable Crystalline Silica

QGL02 Guideline for Management of Respirable Crystalline Silica has been in place since May 2018

It includes responsibilities for the SSE in regards to RCS personal exposure monitoring (dust sampling)

Applies to all mine sites including exploration

How practically can this be done? Would like discussion with the sector on this



Questions

Suggestion for how we can engage with industry?

Thank you

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