



ENTRY REPORT



Visit Number: **V01017400390L**
 Entry Date and Time : **21/02/2014 09:30 AM** Departure Date and Time: **21/02/2014 12:45 PM**

PLACE ENTERED

THE CROWN IN RIGHT OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA (CFA)
 ABN: **39255319010**
 Tenement No: **MIN5004**
HAZELWOOD POWER STATION BRODRIBB ROAD
HAZELWOOD 3840
 Phone Number: **0407 492 578**

OTHER PERSONS ATTENDING WITH INSPECTOR

WorkSafe Inspector: **Anita Macartney** Other Persons: **Peter Langridge,**
 WorkSafe Staff: **Tony Ferrazza, Nikos Likoursis**

THIS REPORT GIVEN TO

Name: **Chrissie Stone** Persons Position: **Employer Representative**
 Service Method: **Left for a person**
 Name of person copy given to: **HSR Not Available** Persons Position: **Health and Safety Representative**

Purpose for entry:

Anita Macartney and I entered this place to respond to a reported incident.

Under section 98(1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, Anita Macartney and I entered your workplace during working hours.

OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE INSPECTOR

1. I attended this workplace in the company of Inspector Anita Macartney to make enquiries into a number of reported incidents that occurred at this workplace between the dates - 9th Feb 2014 and 18th Feb 2014.

The incident involved a number of employees either being transported to hospital and/or self admitting themselves into hospital following alleged exposures to Carbon Monoxide (CO) whilst fighting fires at the Morwell (Hazelwood) Mine. WorkSafe Victoria was notified of these incidents - no's. 270199 and 270201.

I met with listed personnel from the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and discussed the following:

- Status of Employees' Health (No's of employees/volunteers involved)
- Management informed that all employees that presented at hospital have now recovered. I informed Management that I will make enquiries with a random selection as

they were not available for comment.

- On site testing and monitoring process and results for affected employees
 I observed a random selection of testing and monitoring records (on computer) and was provided with a sample via email. It appears that monitoring processes are now more robust and is governed by a Health Management and Decontamination Plan (signed and dated 14th Feb 2014).

- Hospital testing results and administered treatment
 Management informed that records of testing results from various hospitals is not available, Management informed that reports from affected employees indicate blood CO levels between 0.4 - 0.8%. I informed Management that I will attempt to confirm this whilst making enquiries with affected employees.

- Time frames (time of exposure, times of on site testing to time of hospitalisation and testing)
 Management provided a document titled Health Management and Decontamination Plan (signed and dated 14th Feb 2014). The document details the testing processes, average times for testing and transportation to hospital vary between 60 - 90 minutes. Management cannot comment on those employees that 'self' presented.

I informed Management that I will continue enquiries with the affected employees at a later date.

2. In addition to this WorkSafe Senior Mining Engineer Tony Ferrazza and WorkSafe Incident Response Program Manager Nikos Likouresis was accompanied by CFA and were shown the testing and monitoring processes.
3. The above mentioned enquiries, discussions and observations does not indicate that THE CROWN IN RIGHT OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA (CFA) complies with all health and safety requirements, nor does it affect the continuing obligation to ensure workplace health and safety.
4. In accordance with Section 99 (a) and (b) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, Anita Macartney and I inspected, examined and made enquiries. This includes documents detailed in this Entry Report or as follows:
 - Health Management and Decontamination Plan (signed and dated 14th Feb 2014);
 - Overview of testing procedure; and
 - Random sample of test results for affected employees.

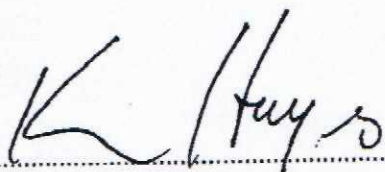
INSPECTOR INFORMATION

Name of Inspector: **Kevin Hayes**

Telephone Number of Inspector: **5173 8925**

Facsimile Number of Inspector: **5174 9086**

Inspector's Signature:



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- * Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
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- * Equipment (Public Safety) Act 1994

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