



ENTRY REPORT

WorkSafe Victoria is a division of the Victorian WorkCover Authority.

Date: **15/09/2008** Visit Number: **V01012400029L**
 Issued by Inspector: **Grzegorz Slazlak**
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 Service Method: **Left for a person**
 Entry Time: **08:00 AM** Departure Time: **10:15 AM**

PLACE ENTERED

**HAZELWOOD POWER PARTNERSHIP
 HAZELWOOD COAL MINE
 TENEMENT NUMBER MIN6004
 HAZELWOOD 3840**

Phone Number: **51355182**
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This report given to: **Ron Conway** Position: **Employer Representative**
 Copies to: **HSR Not Available** Position: **Health and Safety Representative**

Other people who attended as part of the inspection:

WorkSafe Staff: **Bill Estrada, Geoff Crisp, Romeo Prozlaco**
 Other Persons: **Greg Flynn - CFA**

Purpose for entry:

I entered this place as part of the WorkSafe Victoria's proactive intervention program to provide guidance and assess and enforce compliance with specific health and safety laws. This visit is undertaken as part of the Earth Resources Oversight project.

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

Observations and Actions of the Inspector

1. A fire broke out on old batters in the South-east part of the Mine on 14/09/08 at about 13h00. It is believed that the fire started in a corner which was on fire 3 years ago. A strong wind has spread the fire along old batters in the West and South-east directions. The fire has affected non operational part of the Mine 38 fire fighting units are engaged in combating the fire.

The Mine Control Centre and Mine Administration buildings are affected by the fire smoke. Carbon Monoxide monitors are used to measure the concentration of CO. The Control Centre is being planned to be relocated to the Fire Services building. The

personnel in the Mine Administration building is free to go home if too much fire smoke enters their work area.

The Emergency Control Command has been established in the Training Centre building.

I, in the company of Ron Conway and Geoff Crisp, visited the areas affected by fire in the open cut and the Control Centre.

2. **Inspect, examine and make enquiries**

You are hereby notified that under Section 99(a) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, during an inspection at TENEMENT NUMBER MIN5004 HAZELWOOD 3840, I inspected, examined and made enquiries.

INTERNAL REVIEW OF CERTAIN INSPECTOR DECISIONS

If you want to apply for internal review of a decision made by an inspector during this visit, you must lodge the approved application form with the Internal Review Unit within 14 days of the date the decision came to your notice. The Authority must conduct the internal review within legislated time frame of either 7 or 14 days depending on the category of reviewable decision. If the Authority does not notify you of the internal review decision within the required time, the Authority is taken to have made a decision to affirm the reviewable decision. Not all decisions can be internally reviewed and in order to seek internal review of a decision you must be an eligible person.

Application forms for internal review, a list of reviewable decisions and a list of eligible persons are available upon request from a WorkSafe Inspector, WorkCover Advisory Service on 1800 136089 or they can be downloaded from the website www.workcover.vic.gov.au.

All applications are to be in approved form and must be received by the Authority's Internal Review Unit, Ground Floor, 222 Exhibition Street, Melbourne 3000 in order to be considered.

If you lodge an application for internal review and you do not receive a decision within the required time frame or you receive an Internal Review decision that you are not happy with, you can then apply to Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for external review within 14 days of the date the Internal Review decision or non-decision first came to your attention. Applicants seeking external review must be an eligible person.

You can contact the Internal Review Unit on telephone (03) 8663 5450, fax (03) 8663 5451 or by email at Internalreviewunit@workcover.vic.gov.au.

OFFENCE

The following Acts, including any regulations made under them carry varying offences such as failure to meet duties and obligations, non compliance with a notice or direction issued or made by an inspector and hindering or obstructing an inspector in the exercise of their powers:

- * Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- * Dangerous Goods Act 1985
- * Equipment (Public Safety) Act 1994
- * Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995

For specific details about offences and subsequent penalties refer to the specific Act or regulation.

FEEDBACK

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- * to clarify any matter that is covered by the Entry Report and any associated Notices or Directions contact the issuing Inspector, whose name and contact details appear at the top of this Entry Report.
- * to make comment about any aspect of how this inspection was conducted, contact the inspector's senior management on telephone 94611141, fax 96410538 or by writing to P.O. Box 4306, Melbourne 3001

* to provide feedback in relation to WorkSafe Victoria activities or the legislation we administer, contact our Executive Director WorkSafe Victoria, Victorian WorkCover Authority, GPO Box 4308 Melbourne Victoria 3001, by fax 9641 1711 or e-mail to executivedirector@workcover.vic.gov.au.

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