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Response to stakeholder feedback

Technical reference guide -Stockpiles and reclaim tunnels in coal mines

The Resources Regulator circulated the technical reference guide (TRG) Stockpiles and reclaim tunnels for targeted consultation in February 2023. This document summarises the issues raised by stakeholders and details the Regulator’s response.

The feedback has been categorised into themes and the Regulator’s responses are set out below:

1. The TRG should include dealing with broken down equipment

Resources Regulator response

The Regulator has included a section of recovery of broken-down equipment in section 3 of the TRG that includes the development of recovery procedures the main issues for consideration by mine operators.

2. Having recovery and emergency equipment readily available on site should be adequate instead of replicating the equipment the coal preparation and handling plant

Resources Regulator response

The TRG is informative guidance and is not mandatory. Where a mine operator determines alternative effective risk controls, this is entirely consistent with the objectives of the legislation. The Regulator believes no change to the document is required

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