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Media Release

Regulator's annual high-visibility campaign targets incident prevention

Key incidents at underground and surface mines were in the spotlight during the Resources Regulator's annual mine safety high-visibility campaign.

The campaign was conducted over 10 days in late June and early July and assessed the implementation of controls to prevent the reoccurrence of these incidents.

Forty-four inspectors conducted unannounced inspections at 136 mine sites across the state and engaged with mine workers and supervisors to carry out assessments.

The Regulator issued 194 compliance notices during the campaign, most of which applied to the quarry sector. The Regulator has a separate safety campaign underway targeting principal hazards in quarries.

Overall, most mines had implemented robust controls and workers showed a clear understanding of past incidents and outcomes.

Acting Chief Inspector Dwaine Jones said the campaign was a success with positive industry feedback.

"The Regulator's annual high-visibility campaign targets specific safety issues and emerging trends within the NSW mining industry to ensure mine operators stay vigilant," Mr Jones said.

"This year's campaign focused on significant incidents reported or compliance notices issued at coal, metalliferous and small mine sites over the past 12 months, reviewing the documentation and implementation of controls and worker training and supervision."

Safety presentations also formed part of the high-visibility campaign at small mine sites.

The Regulator has published an online report detailing the campaign's findings and recommendations to industry. [Download the report.](#)

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