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Statewide blitz on electricity risks at large quarries

Resources Regulator Chief Inspector of Mines Garvin Burns today announced operators of large quarries across the state could expect to see teams of inspectors turning up at the front gate for inspections at short notice.

“Over the next two weeks Resources Regulator inspectors will be going to several quarries throughout the state as part of a targeted intervention program to examine how operators are managing electrical hazards,” Mr Burns said.

A recent investigation into an electric shock at a quarry identified significant concerns regarding the testing, inspection and maintenance of electrical equipment.

This compliance campaign will be assessing if quarry operators have identified and implemented appropriate controls in their electrical engineering control plan to protect the health of their workers from these risks.

“Where inspectors form the view that workers may be exposed to serious risk due to a lack of effective risk controls, appropriate compliance action will be taken to protect the safety of those workers,” Mr Burns said.

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