

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AT MINES

NOTIFICATIONS

Schedule 9.4, Clause 3 of the WHS Regulations requires the following notification procedures as part of the emergency plan:

- On-site and off-site warning systems.
- In an emergency, contact details for emergency and other support services that can assist in providing resources and implementing evacuation plans.
- On-site communication systems.

RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT

Schedule 9.4, Clause 4 of the WHS Regulations requires the following resources and equipment to be included in the emergency plan:

- On-site emergency resources, including first aid equipment, facilities, services and personnel, emergency equipment and personnel, gas detectors, wind velocity detectors, sand, lime, neutralising agents, absorbents, spill bins, and decontamination equipment.
- Off-site emergency resources, including arrangements for obtaining additional external resources (specific to the likely incidents), including mines rescue services, as necessary.
- Arrangements for mine rescue that state the following:
 - Minimum mines rescue training to be provided.
 - Procedure for the operators of mines in the vicinity to assist each other in an emergency.
 - How inertisation equipment is to be used.
 - Procedures to be followed in carrying out mines rescue.

PROCEDURES

Schedule 9.4, Clause 5 of the WHS Regulations requires mine operators to include the following procedures in the emergency plan:

- Procedures for the safe evacuation of, and accounting for, all persons.
- Procedures and control points for all utilities, including gas, water and electricity.
- Procedures in the event of the ventilation system at the mine failing totally for more than 30 minutes.