

Mine Name	Mine ID	Operator	Activity Type	Activity Date
Vulcan Mine	MI04148	Vulcan Mine Management Pty Ltd	Postal Mine Record Entry	16/11/2021

Mine Record Entry

This mine record is to record my response to an enquiry on 8 November 2021 about supervision of particular work on the ROM. I refer to section 104 of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulations 2017 and the Dictionary in Schedule 9.

Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017, section 104:

Presence of, and access to, open-cut examiner:

The site senior executive for a surface mine must ensure, when mining activities are carried out in or around the surface excavation—

- (a) at least 1 open-cut examiner is present at the mine; and
- (b) the open-cut examiner is contactable by a person working in or around the excavation.

Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017, Schedule 9:

“Mining activities for a surface mine” are activities that relate to the winning of coal and include the following—

- (a) preparing for the extraction of overburden or coal;
- (b) preparing and firing shots;
- (c) loading and transporting overburden or coal;
- (d) dumping overburden on spoil heaps.

Supervision of work on the ROM:

This information is applicable to:

- A ROM facility which is not located in the excavation, and
- When no mining activities are taking place in and around the excavation, and
- When each access to the open cut examiner’s inspection district has been barricaded to entry, and
- The plans displayed at the mine clearly communicate the positions responsible for supervision of each work area and the times the positions are responsible.

On a shift when no mining activities are taking place in or around the surface mine excavation:

1. Loading coal from a ROM stockpile into a road truck for transport off site, does not meet the definition of a mining activity and does not require an OCE present to conduct inspections in that work area.
2. Loading raw coal from a ROM stockpile, screening and stockpiling of this coal for loading into road trucks for transport off site, does not meet the definition of a mining

activity and does not require an OCE present to conduct inspections in that work area.

Competent supervisors must be present for any work at a mine, including this work. The supervisors must be contactable by the persons working at the mine.

Competent means the demonstrated skill and knowledge required to carry out the task to a standard necessary for the safety and health of persons. This includes the demonstrated skill and knowledge with, for example and not limited to, vehicle interaction, traffic management, road conditions, lighting, lightning, and emergency response.

The number of supervisors present must be determined by the need to effectively supervise the activities. First aid and emergency response capability must be available, in sufficient numbers to effectively manage the possible emergencies identified by risk assessment.



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