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Mining Health, Safety and Prevention Review

Workplace Safety North Conference
What is it?

- Ontario’s Chief Prevention Officer is undertaking a comprehensive review of the health, safety and prevention issues related to underground mining.

- In consultation with mining stakeholders the review will examine emerging issues affecting health and safety and will advise the Minister of Labour.

- The review began in January 2014 and will conclude in January 2015.
Why are we having a Review?

Improving mine safety is a key commitment for the Ministry of Labour and the Government of Ontario.

During the past three years, nine workers have died and 81 workers were critically injured in mines.

This review will help all mining sector stakeholders find better ways of bringing our mine workers home safe and sound at the end of every shift.
What will the Review look at?

Topics that will be reviewed include, but are not limited to:

• the capacity of the health and safety system
• the impact of technological changes on health, safety and prevention in underground mines
• training, skills and labour supply issues;
• hazards such as ground instability, poor water management practices, improper barricades and warning systems and issues relating to occupational disease;
• the Internal Responsibility System
• Emergency Preparedness and Mine Rescue.
Consultation Methods

Consultation is key to the success of the Review.

We need the input, advice and expertise of the sector in order to conduct a comprehensive assessment of current and emerging issues that are impacting the state of occupational health and safety in Ontario mines.

We will be seeking this input through three main approaches:

1. *Advisory Group*
2. *Written Submissions*
3. *Public Meetings*
MHSPR Advisory Group

Chair – George Gritziotis (CPO)

Observer – Wendy Fram

Labour Vice-Chair - John Perquin

Employer Vice-Chair - Fergus Kerr

Roger Emdin - MLRC

Mike Bond - MLRC

WSN - Candys Ballanger-Michaud

IWH – Cam Mustard
Consultations – Broader Mining Stakeholders

The Review will be reaching out to the public through a series of public consultation sessions on selected topics over the length of the Review.

The sessions will be held in various mining communities around Ontario.

In addition we are looking for written submissions from interested parties.

https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/miningreview.php
## Public Consultation Sessions

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Public Consultations held to date

- A total of six sessions have been held in Timmins, Kirkland Lake and Sudbury.

- A range of opinions on topics but in general:
  - The six areas of focus selected were correct
  - Mining should be recognized as a trade
  - Communication is a key to health and safety
  - Mining is changing faster than the ability of the health and safety system to keep up
  - Technology can both improve health and safety and create new health and safety issues
Public Consultations

➢ A summary of the public consultations will be part of the final report.

➢ At present there is a public consultation document on the MOL website. It provides some detail on the 6 topics and provides some questions that are of particular interest to the Review.

➢ Outside of the formal consultation methods, comments on any topic can always be emailed to: MOLMiningReview@ontario.ca.
Working Groups

Working groups have been established, representing both labour and employers, to develop recommendations on:

- The capacity of the health and safety system
- The impact of technological chance
- Training, skills and labour supply
- Underground hazards
- The Internal Responsibility system
- Emergency preparedness and mine rescue

In addition, issues relating to surface mine plants will be outlined to determine potential issues for additional working group(s).
Resourcing

The Review within the MOL will be composed of a Secretariat comprised of a core group of four staff. The Mining Health and Safety Program will also play a key role.

Workplace Safety North staff will play a key role in both the Advisory Group and the Working Groups.

Outside experts may be used to provide support on topics outside the range of expertise or capacity of the Ministry of Labour and stakeholders.
Outcomes

Following these consultations and research the Chief Prevention Officer will provide advice and recommendations to the Minister of Labour on a number of emerging issues affecting mining health and safety.

An interim report will be created six months after launch. (July 2014)

A final report will compile all the advice, recommendations and research found and be presented to the Minister one year after launch. (January 2015)
Outcomes

How can we help Ontario’s mines achieve ZERO HARM?
Questions

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Director of the Mining Health, Safety and Prevention Review Secretariat: - Wayne De L’Orme

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