

SAFETY ALERT



MINER KILLED IN UNDERGROUND SHAFT

This preliminary Safety Alert is issued to inform industry of a significant event

INCIDENT

A miner was killed in an underground mine while travelling in a cage (a cage is the term used for a lift used to transport miners and equipment up and down shafts).

CIRCUMSTANCES

At 1.55 am on Thursday 28 November 2002, mine workers were waiting underground for a cage to arrive.

When it arrived from a lower level, they noticed the deceased draped over the drop bar, which was in place outside the cage door.

INVESTIGATION

The incident is being investigated by Department of Mineral Resources officers. The Manager of the Investigation Unit has travelled to the scene to coordinate the investigation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mines using winder cages are advised to check their shaft conveyance equipment and the procedures for its use.

Mines are advised to remind employees of safe working procedures relating to shaft travel.

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