



# SAFETY BULLETIN

## Hazardous energy control

### BACKGROUND

In recent years fatalities and serious bodily injuries have occurred in the NSW mining industry because of hazardous energy.

Mining Design Guideline *MDG 40 Guideline for Hazardous Energy Control (isolation or treatment)* has been revised and released by the Mine Safety Operations branch of the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

The revised guideline is available online at:

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/publications/mdg](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/publications/mdg)

### RECOMMENDATIONS

All NSW mines should undertake the following:

- Use the revised edition of *MDG 40 Guideline for Hazardous Energy Control (isolation or treatment)* to review and revise isolation procedures
- Review high-risk procedures to ensure that appropriate energy barriers are included to protect people when human error could lead to damaging outcomes.

**NOTE:** Please ensure all relevant people in your organisation receive a copy of this Safety Bulletin, and are informed of its content and recommendations. This Safety Bulletin should be processed in a systematic manner through the mine's information and communication process. It should also be placed on the mine's notice board.

### Signed

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