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### **Integra Coal fined \$84,000 for illegal waste dumping**

The NSW Department of Infrastructure and Planning has successfully prosecuted Integra Coal Pty Ltd for dumping excessive levels of waste at its mine complex in the Hunter Valley.

Executive Director, Major Project Assessments Chris Wilson said Integra was granted approval in 2010 to operate its open cut and underground mines with specified limits to the height of waste rock piles.

“The department’s compliance officers investigated Integra’s operation in August 2011 and found waste rock dump heights were at a level that significantly breached the limits in the development approval,” Mr Wilson said.

The Land and Environment Court this week convicted and fined Integra \$84,000 and also awarded the department \$38,000 in costs.

“This was a significant breach of the development approval for the mine,” Mr Wilson said.

“The legal outcome can be attributed to the department’s commitment to ensure coal mines perform within their environmental limits, thereby ensuring the integrity of the development approval process and the NSW planning system.”

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