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Compliance officers inspect mines in the Hunter region

The Department of Planning and Environment Compliance Officers inspected nine mines in the Hunter region in October 2015 to ensure that they were meeting the conditions of their approval.

The Department has doubled the number of compliance officers in the field across NSW to monitor and enforce the conditions placed on State significant development such as mining.

“Our Compliance Officers conduct spot checks without warning, regular inspections and audits as well as work with companies and communities to ensure that companies are sticking to the rules,” a spokesperson for the Department said.

“Officers investigate all complaints and educate companies to make sure they understand expectations and adhere to the conditions placed on their project.”

Mines inspected by the Compliance Officers within the Muswellbrook area were:
- Bengalla Coal Mine
- Drayton Coal Mine
- Mount Arthur Coal Mine
- Mount Pleasant Coal Mine.

Mines inspected by the Compliance Officers within the Singleton area were:
- Hunter Valley Operations
- Mount Owen Complex
- Mount Thorley Warkworth Coal Mine
- Ravensworth Coal Mine (three inspections)
- Wambo Coal Mine.

Quarries inspected in the Hunter region were:
- Mackas Sand Quarry in Port Stephens
- Teralba Metromix Quarry in Lake Macquarie

The Department Compliance Officers also inspect industry and infrastructure projects. Last month they inspected:
- Orica Kurri Richmond Vale ANE Facility in Cessnock
- Marmong Point Marina in Lake Macquarie.

The Department attended the NSW Local Government Authority Conference in Rosehill, Sydney on 12-13 October 2015.
“The conference provided an opportunity for the Department to educate local councils on the role of compliance officers in monitoring and enforcing conditions,” the spokesperson said.

For more information and to view the October Compliance Report, visit http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Compliance.

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