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FREE WORKSHOP FOR FATIGUE MANAGEMENT

Fatigue management for miners is the focus of a free workshop in Wollongong tomorrow.

Minister for the Illawarra and Mineral Resources, Paul McLeay said this is part of a series of workshops aimed at encouraging industry to develop management plans for key industry issues of health, musculoskeletal disorders and fatigue.

“Safety at work is a number one priority. Long term health impacts affecting mine personnel are often not as visible as injuries,” Mr McLeay said.

“However there are very real costs – both personal, for individuals with chronic illness or degenerative conditions, and industry in terms of compensation claims and lost productivity.

“That’s why I’m pleased that the recommendations given in the Wran Mine Safety Review have been incorporated into this free safety training course at the WIN Sports & Entertainment Centre tomorrow.”

Workshop activities will provide:

- Information on new industry standards for managing health hazards in the mine environment
- An opportunity to review your mine’s systems against the industry agreed standards
- Information on approaches to managing some industry wide priority health issues, in particular musculoskeletal disorders.

Similar workshops are being held throughout the State during 2010

The workshops are aimed at all industry participants including contractors and will be delivered to around 1500 people by the end of the year.

The workshop has been endorsed by peak OHS body, the Mine Safety Advisory Council. The workshops are based on the recently released Mine Safety Advisory Council guides and include:

- Health Management Plan
- Managing Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Fatigue Management Plan.

The guides represent an industry agreed approach to the systematic management of occupational health hazards such as hazardous manual handling causing musculoskeletal disorders, fatigue, noise and diesel particulate.

For dates and locations of workshops see 'timetable' link at:

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/resources/training-and-workshops

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