Introduction to Managing Risk in Mining: Energy-Based Hazard Recognition



Pre-Test Hazard Recognition (Hot Spot Activity)





Can you spot the hazards?











MINING IS A SAFETY-SENSITIVE INDUSTRY

• Working conditions require vigilant attention to personal safety



HAZARDS CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY AND FATALITIES (SIFs)

Most common sources of SIFs in mining

- Powered haulage
- Machinery
- Slip/fall of a person
- Fall/sliding material
- Fall of face, rib, or highwall



A POSTIVE SAFETY CULTURE IS KEY

A positive safety culture requires:

- A safe physical working environment
- Effective health and safety management system
- Safe behaviors



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY?

- Employers must provide a safe working environment
- A personal commitment to safety is required to prevent serious injury or fatality

Shared Responsibility





WHY DO YOU WORK SAFE?

- Provide for family and plan for the future
- Allows for lifestyle choices (hobbies, home, vacations, etc.)
- Utilize knowledge and expertise
- Feelings of pride and accomplishment
- Memories often drive behavior...so not to relive the past

Understanding Risk & Hazards



DEFINITIONS

RISK

A risk is the chance or probability that you will be harmed or injured if exposed to a hazard



RISK ANALYSIS

Risk analysis is a proactive process of eliminating or reducing the threat of hazards

• Applies to all work processes, whether routine, non-routine, and when changes occur

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DEFINITIONS

EXPOSURE

Exposure is when you are at a risk from a hazard. Three forms include:

- Physical exposure
- Environment exposure
- Potential exposure

HAZARD

A hazard is any source of potential damage, harm or adverse effects on something or someone under certain conditions



DEFINITIONS

HAZARD RECOGNITION

Hazard recognition is an initial step in the systematic observation of unsafe conditions, negative behaviors and weaknesses that could lead to injuries and illnesses on-the-job



Tools to Support Safe Work



Field-Level Risk Assessment (FLRA)

- Daily Safety Cards and Workplace Inspections, Pre- and Post-Job Briefs, Task Observations
- Energy-Based Hazard Identification Tool
- Hierarchy of Controls



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Hazard Recognition is One of the First Steps in Risk Management





Key Questions to Guide a Field-level Risk Assessment (FLRA):

- What is the task I am doing?
- What could go wrong?
 - What would the consequences be?
 - How likely is it to happen?
- What can and will I do about it?
- How might changes affect other processes?







Near Miss & Hazard Reporting



Hierarchy of Controls

A tool to determine how to implement feasible and effective **controls** to reduce risk





Let's Practice!

What are the main hazards here?

What can be done to control the risk?



HOC APPLIED: LOUD Processing Machine

FECTIVE	X	ELIMINATION Physically remove the hazard	Replace the machine with a quieter one that does the same thing
MOST EI	\longleftrightarrow	SUBSTITUTION Replace the hazard	Adjust the machine or install a muffling device to reduce noise level
	IIIX	ENGINEERING CONTROLS Isolate people from the hazard	Install a sound-reduction curtain around machine
	で冒	ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS Change the way people work	Limit amount of time near machine
LEAST EFF	\$	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) Protect the worker with PPE	Wear earplugs while in vicinity

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Hazard Recognition Research & Tools



HAZARD RECOGNITION RESEARCH FINDINGS







45% of hazards are identified

of hazards are missed because of cognitive "blind spots"

35%

20%

of hazards are missed because they are not reasonably identified before work starts

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Count the Fs

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.



Count the Fs

TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL HUMAN FEARS ARE THE FEAR OF FAILURE AND THE FEAR OF SUCCESS.



How can we improve our ability to recognize hazards?

Using **tools** to train our brain to stay alert and look for the visible and hidden hazards on a worksite







Energy-Based Hazard Recognition



ENERGY WHEEL HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

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-A	Gravity	Force caused by the attraction of mass to earth	Uneven work surface, work at height, unsure materials, overhead support structures		
	Motion	Change in the physical position or location of objects or substances.	Traffic, mobile equipment, projectiles, dust particles		
Ø@́	Mechanical	Working parts of a machine or assembly, including rotation, vibration, tension, or compression	Auger, cable, chain fall, angle grinder, gears, pulleys		
Ę	Electrical	Presence of electrical charge or current	Wires, power lines, power tools, extension cords, transformer, rela		
$\mathbf{\cap}$	Sound	Audible vibration caused by the contact of two or more objects	Heavy machinery, pile driving, power tools, nail gun		
\bigcirc	Pressure	Liquid or gas compressed or under vacuum	Pneumatic tire, piping system, tank, hydraulic lines		
L	Temperature Intensity of heat in an object or substance		Fiction, engines, sudden pressure change, steam		
Chemical Toxic objects or substances risks		Toxic objects or substances that pose health risks	Solvents, engine exhaust, silica, wood dust, liquid concrete		
	Radiation	Objects or substances that emit electromagnetic waves or subatomic particles	Welding, sun exposure, x-ray testing, radioactive waste		
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Force caused by the attraction of mass to the Earth

EXAMPLES: falling object, collapsing roof or trench, equipment tipping over, a body tripping or falling

GRAVITY





HAZARD: Equipment tipping over berm



Change in the physical position or location of objects or substances

EXAMPLES: vehicle, vessel or equipment movement, flowing water, wind and body positioning when lifting, straining or bending





HAZARD: Repetitive motion during maintenance work



Working parts of a machine or assembly, including rotation, vibration, tension, or compression

EXAMPLES: rotating equipment, compressed springs, drive belts, conveyors and motors

MECHANICAL





HAZARD: Wheels not chocked



The presence of electrical charge or current

EXAMPLES: power lines, transformers, static charges, lightning, energized equipment, wiring and batteries

ELECTRICAL





HAZARD: Striking underground utilities during excavation



Liquid or gas compressed or under vacuum

EXAMPLES: pressure piping, compressed cylinders, control lines, vessels, tanks, hoses and pneumatic and hydraulic equipment

PRESSURE





HAZARD: Release of hydraulic fluid during maintenance task



Intensity of heat or cold in an object or substance

EXAMPLES: open flame ignition sources hot or cold surfaces, liquids or gases, steam, friction, and general environmental or weather conditions

TEMPERATURE





HAZARD: Hot saw blade



Toxic objects or substances that pose health risks

EXAMPLES: flammable vapors, reactive hazards, carcinogens, corrosives, combustibles, O₂deficient atmospheres, welding fumes and dusts

CHEMICAL





HAZARD: Welding fumes



Living organisms or viruses

EXAMPLES: animals, bacteria, viruses, insects, blood-borne pathogens, improperly handled food and contaminated water

BIOLOGICAL





HAZARD: Rattlesnakes on the jobsite



Objects or substances that emit electromagnetic waves or subatomic particles

EXAMPLES: lighting issues, welding arcs, solar rays, microwaves, lasers, X-rays and NORM scale

RADIATION





HAZARD: Exposure to radon in underground mines



Audible vibration caused by the contact of two or more objects

EXAMPLES: equipment noise, impact noise, vibration, high-pressure release and the impact of noise to communication



HAZARD: Amplified sound during confined space entry



Post-Test Hazard Recognition (Hot Spot Activity)







