

# Information for applicants

## Electrical engineering safety seminar - presenters

The NSW Resources Regulator is seeking experienced and enthusiastic presenters for its annual Electrical engineering safety seminar on 8 and 9 November 2017 at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney. The theme this year is 'identify, evaluate and control the risks'.

The key note speaker is Dave Whitfield. Dave helps organisations improve their safety performance through enhanced connection and engagement, specifically focusing on leadership and culture. He has more than 22 years of experience in the safety industry.

## Share your ideas and knowledge

This is an excellent opportunity for individuals to share their experience and insight and broaden industry's knowledge on WHS issues and initiatives in electrical engineering safety in the mining industry. Presenters will need to deliver informative, educational and practical presentations matched to audience needs and levels of experience on issues related to the systematic approach to identify, evaluate and control the risks associated with the use of electricity at mines.

### **Seminar theme**

The theme this year is 'identify, evaluate and control the risks'. A systematic approach to identify, evaluate and control the risks associated with the use of electricity at mines is required to ensure the safety of the electrical plant and installations. The principle driver for achieving electrical safety in the current NSW mining legislation is the requirement to have an Electrical Engineering Control Plan. The control plan sets out the means by which an operator will manage risks associated with the use of electricity.

Historically, safety has been reactive in nature; with a significant incident or death leading to a prescriptive legislative response. The optimum approach to obtaining safety requires both pro-active and reactive elements. To effectively manage risks associated with electricity, the risks relevant to a mining operation need to be identified and evaluated, and controls developed, implemented and maintained for the complete life cycle of the electrical installation.

### **Presentation format**

- Presentations are typically 30 minutes long and may involve co-presenters.
- PowerPoint slideshows and/or other audio-visual materials are welcome and interactive, case-study based formats are highly encouraged.

## Content

- This event is intended to improve the awareness of issues that affect electrical engineering safety within the mining industry.
- The focus of the presentation must address a safety or technical issues or a specific project and its challenges and how it was dealt with.
- A presenter should identify the issue, whether it is a hazard, risk or area of concern, and provide information that will aid the mine electrical engineers in their understanding of that issue.
- The presentation should, if possible, provide information on potential controls that the mine electrical engineers may consider when determining how best to control the risks associated with the issue.
- Presentations must not include brand promotion or sales pitches.
- Where the solution involves a product or service, care must be taken not to denigrate other products or services. The presenter may speak to the technical merits of a particular product or service but a balanced and impartial analysis of the issues should always be given.

## Submit an expression of interest

If you are interested in being a presenter submit an application form and send it with your attached abstract via email to [Bernard.Gittins@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Bernard.Gittins@industry.nsw.gov.au) no later the 28 August 2017.

## Application process

The seminar convenor will inform applicants in writing as to the likely success of their application within seven days of receiving the application. If a presentation is unlikely to be accepted, feedback will be provided to the applicant.

If your application to present is successful you will be notified via email by 31 August 2017. In some circumstances, a presenter may be notified that their application is successful earlier than this date.

**Note:** All written applications will be reviewed by the NSW Resources Regulator's Electrical Inspectors.

If your application to present is not successful you can appeal the decision by emailing [Bernard.Gittins@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Bernard.Gittins@industry.nsw.gov.au) with the reasons for your appeal.

## More information

If you would like more information about this opportunity or have questions please contact Bernard Gittins by phone 026360 5351 or email [Bernard.Gittins@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Bernard.Gittins@industry.nsw.gov.au).