

NEW ZEALAND

Portfolio Arrangements

Department of Labour,
Manager Workplace Services,
Senior Advisor (Mining)

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Line Responsibility

Business Adviser (Mining) to National Operations Manager, Operations Policy Unit,
Chief Inspector of Mines, Quarries and Tunnels to Branch Manager, OSH Service

Legislative Arrangements

Existing

Inspectors are appointed under the Health and Safety in Employment Act (HSE Act) 1992 to cover the mining, coal mining, quarrying, tunnelling, geothermal and petroleum industries. All workplace inspectors are appointed under this Act. Staff are located within regional offices and work in broad programmes of work.

Regulations administered by the Extractives Inspectors include the HSE Regulations 1995, the HSE (Mining Administration) Regulations 1996, the HSE (Mining – Underground) Regulations 1999, the HSE Petroleum (Exploration and Extraction) Regulations 1999 and the HSE Pipelines Regulations 1999. The Geothermal Regulations remain in place under the now repealed Geothermal Energy Act.

Coverage

Operational Responsibilities

The operational responsibilities of the extractives programme can be broadly described as the administration and enforcement of health and safety in the coal mining, quarrying, tunnelling, petroleum and geothermal industries. There is also complementary activity with labour inspectors and medication services as required.

Other responsibilities include legislation reviews, participation in Mines Rescue Trust Board and participation in the Extractive Industries ITO.

The total inspectorate is funded from the vote labour for the Dept. of Labour.