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## Site-specific CoC criteria due June

Cameron Massey - Fri, 13 Apr 2018

WorkSafe's Board of Examiners are set to release a gazette notice outlining the unit standard requirements and criteria for managers of any site-specific quarry by June.



Following a meeting last week with the BoE and Aggregate and Quarry Association and Institute of Quarrying New Zealand representatives, MinEx chief executive Wayne Scott is keen to see changes to extractives sector Certificates of Competence introduced as quickly as possible.

"It was one of the key things that we were after and have been after for some time," Scott told *Inside Resources* today.

"There's always been provision for that CoC, but the Board of Examiners have not established the criteria around which you could apply for that CoC or the unit standards that made it up."

He understands that the recommendation has been done in time for it to go to the WorkSafe board next month and for it to be gazetted the month after.

"We don't know what is in it and the devil is always in the detail, but the fact that it is being made available and there will be criteria is good news."

### No need for regulations review

Scott says no quarry site around the country would have qualified with the criteria outlined in a document released in July last year.

"They eliminated every single quarry from being able to use that CoC. They now realise that."

"They showed the signs that when I spoke to them back in October that they were going to broaden that criteria."

He says it is positive that the BoE are proceeding with the criteria and requirements gazette notice "because they don't need a regulations review, because they're already in the regulations".

Following last week's meeting with the BoE, MinEx understands that it is possible for First Aid requirements and other issues not impacted by the review of regulations will also be included in the gazette notice.

### Better communication

Following BoE proposals for changes to CoCs, 88 submissions were made by the sector last August.

MinEx has learned that all submissions have been considered by the BoE, and a summary position paper has been prepared for the WorkSafe Board, who will make final decisions.

The position paper has been put on hold due to the Review of Regulations, which new Workplace Relations and Safety Minister Iain Lees-Galloway wants completed by December.

Scott would like increased consultation between the BoE and the industry "so we can develop a unified government and industry approach to those regulations that we agree on".

The BoE will consider recommendations at its meeting this month and make recommendations to the WorkSafe board.

He says a WorkSafe regulations review consultation paper is to be published next month.

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