

Ministerial Interim Minerals Planning Policy Statement (MIMPPS) 02/2009 - on Health Impact Assessment for Opencast Coal Sites

This Ministerial Interim Minerals Planning Policy Statement provides a replacement paragraph 63 and additional paragraph 63a to be read as part of Minerals Planning Policy Wales (Welsh Assembly Government, 2000). The existing paragraph 63 (the commitment to provide technical guidance for coal) is hereby cancelled.

The amendment will be incorporated in the next revision of Minerals Planning Policy Wales.

Substitution and addition of paragraph

63. It is the policy of the Welsh Assembly Government that Health Impact Assessment should be provided to accompany any application for opencast coal working¹. If the mineral planning authority decides that an applicant has failed to provide adequate information on health impacts, it may decide that it cannot process and proceed to determine the application without that information.

63a. Where an application for opencast coal working is EIA development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 and coal working is likely to have a significant effect on human health, the Health Impact Assessment may serve to inform the Environmental Statement.

¹ Opencast coal working is used here in its generic sense to cover all surface coal working.