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Reaccreditation Targeted Hazard – Mobile Plant and Equipment

As part of the Federal Safety Commissioner (FSC)'s commitment to improving safety in the building and construction industry, reaccreditation is being used as an opportunity to target the high risk hazard of Mobile Plant and Equipment.

Why Mobile Plant and Equipment?

According to data collected by the OFSC through biannual reports (submitted by accredited companies), Mobile Plant and Equipment accounted for the highest number of dangerous incidents on building and construction sites in the January to June 2008 period. In the July to December 2008 period, Mobile Plant and Equipment accounted for the second highest rate of all notifiable incidents. This data illustrates how dangerous this work activity continues to be on Australian building and construction sites and the importance of focussing on this work activity and its associated hazards.

What will happen?

Companies who have applied for reaccreditation and completed the desktop assessment will be subject to an onsite audit. During this audit, the single high risk hazard of Mobile Plant and Equipment will be reviewed in depth for all companies, rather than the current process of examining two hazards.

The hazard criteria will be available on the website and all audit criteria will be provided to the company prior to audit. Where a company has no Mobile Plant and Equipment in operation on the site selected for audit, an appropriate alternative hazard will be selected for review.

What is the benefit of focussing on Mobile Plant and Equipment?

A focus on Mobile Plant and Equipment during reaccreditation will give the OFSC greater insight into, and understanding of, the issues accredited builders under the Scheme are facing in relation to this work activity. The OFSC will be able to collect valuable information from the audits and will use the findings to assist builders to make improvements in this area of work. There will also be an opportunity to highlight good practices in the area of Mobile Plant and Equipment.

For further information you can:

- visit the FSC website at fsc.gov.au
- contact the FSC Assist Line on **1800 652 500**
- contact the OFSC via email at ofsc@deewr.gov.au

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