

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION: Quarry **ARTICLE YEAR:** 2005
ACTIVITY: Production and Processing **COMPANY:** Bardon Aggregates
SUB ACTIVITY: Face activity **COMPANY LOCATION:** Ivonbrook Quarry, Derbyshire
BEST PRACTICE No: BP139 **COMPANY TEL:** 01629 650275

TITLE

A new approach to face inspections

ARTICLE

Bardon Aggregates has devised a new system to improve the effectiveness of daily face inspections.

The original inspection was conducted by the face loader operative using a tick sheet. This was handed to the quarry manager who would make any comments and file for record. However, the operative had no specific training, and the simple tick sheet did not capture all relevant information. In addition, it did not provide any guidance to the operator on what action to take in the event of an unsafe face condition. If an incident occurred, it placed an unfair responsibility on the operative.

The company™s new inspection sheet incorporates guidance for action and commitment to identify dangerous conditions rather than just using a tick list. The inspection is carried out in accordance with a Safe System of Work. It includes an inspection of the crest in addition to the face, and is now carried out by the quarry supervisor with the face operator. This increases the communication between the operator and the supervisor enabling any safety issues to be highlighted before work commences.

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