**BEST PRACTICE** 

LOCATION: Company-wide **ARTICLE YEAR** 2006

Worker Involvement **ACTIVITY: COMPANY: Brett Aggregates SUB ACTIVITY:** N/A **COMPANY LOCATION:** all sites **BEST PRACTICE No: BP398 COMPANY TEL:** 01206 824971

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: United Kingdom** 

## TITLE

## Peer group audits

## **ARTICLE**

A new peer group audits scheme has been devised, which:

- ? involves operators at all levels ? improves physical plant safety
- ? streamlines systems
- ? shares best practice and encourages operators to communicate.

Peer group audits happen twice per year at each site within Brett Aggregates. The inspecting team normally comprises a manager or supervisor and at least one other person (usually an operator) from a different quarry. These teams will audit sites all over the Brett sphere of operations, thus sharing best practice throughout the whole of the company.

The inspections follow a set pattern – there is a system audit followed by a plant tour, which includes task auditing. At the end of the audit, actions are agreed with the local management and priorities are set. One month after the audit has taken place there is a wash-up meeting, which involves the local staff, the area and operations managers and a member of Group SHE. The agenda focuses on progress of any action items; progress on 'near hits' raised in the six months since the last audit; training issues; and an update on changes in legislation.

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