



CHANGES TO NSW RAIL OPERATOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL (D&A) TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The amendments to the *Rail Safety (Drug and Alcohol Testing) Regulation 2003* (“the Regulations”) and the *Guidelines Relating to Drug and Alcohol Programs* (“the Guidelines”) will commence on 4 August 2006.

The amendments were developed in a consultative process that included an industry comment period in January and February 2006 and review by the NSW Rail Safety Strategic Forum.

The Regulations and Guidelines have been amended to:

- clarify the requirements for accredited operator D&A testing programs, including post-incident testing;
- improve D&A testing processes and expand the range of testing equipment; and
- replace ITSRR authorisation of testing officers with new training requirements for testing officers.

Fact sheets detailing the changes and copies of the amendment regulation and amended guidelines are available on the ITSRR website at www.transportregulator.nsw.gov.au

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List of supporting Fact Sheets

- Summary of key changes
- Changes to requirements for D&A testing programs
- Changes to requirements for D&A testing equipment and processes
- Changes to requirements for authorisation and training of testing officers