



Addressing **DISTRACTIONS** on Mine Sites **A FACILITY SELF-AUDIT GUIDE**

Distractions on mine sites can be deadly. The scale and power of equipment used, coupled with ever-changing site conditions, requires complete and undivided attention be given to the task being performed. The aggregates industry goes to great efforts to train miners about the hazards associated with mining – but even years of excellent training can be undone with just seconds of distraction. Distractions can, and do, result in catastrophes that cause major damage, severe injuries, and death.

This self-audit guide accompanies NSSGA’s “Addressing Distractions on Mine Sites” poster. On the following pages you will find a series of questions to help guide facilities in identifying current practices around distractions and where improvements can be made. This downloadable document can be used so facilities can systematically work through the audit section-by-section with their teams and are encouraged to include employees from all operational levels. The audit can be done annually or bi-annually to reassess programs and track changes over time.

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**Find additional resources on NSSGA's Health & Safety webpage at:
nssga.org/distractions**

3. When do we have safety conversations?

How do we ensure these conversations happen at the right time and do not themselves become a distraction?

4. How do we address distractions during day-to-day operations?
