

Hauler assessment focus

Forestry is a sector with high rates of harm. The forestry sector is increasingly investing in machinery which enables mechanised felling and breaking out activities. Although this eliminates many risks, it has introduced its own set of risks and issues. In 2018 there were a series of incidents involving haulers, which led us to activate an operational response ensuring that the emerging risks and issues were being identified and managed appropriately by PCBUs. Of the 119 haulers we assessed 91 had problems that were corrected following a notice being issued meaning they are now safer.

What we found



Inspections involving hauler assessments

119

inspections were undertaken involving hauler assessments. These were triggered by both normal operational activity and a national focus on haulers



Deemed compliant

28

of these inspections resulted in no notices relating to haulers and/or other mobile plant



Safer machines

91

haulers had issues that were rectified following a notice being issued and as a result they are now safer

These notices were made up of the following:

75

HSWA IMPROVEMENT

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VERBAL DIRECTION

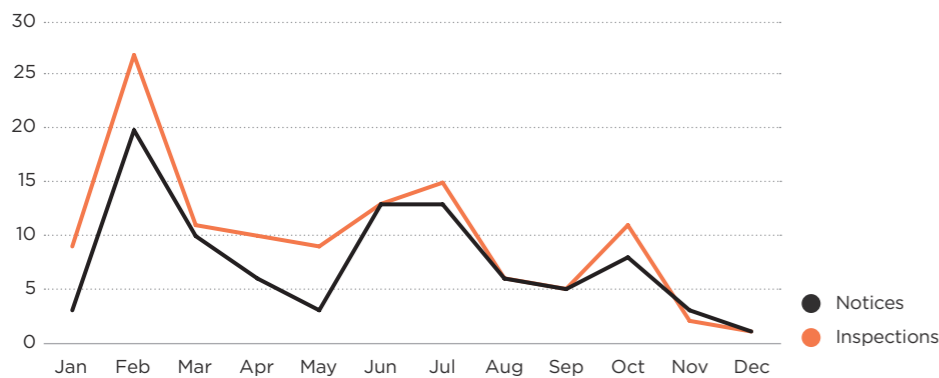
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DIRECTIVE LETTER

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SUSTAINED COMPLIANCE

Inspections and notices relating to Haulers 2019



Hauler assessments and notices by region

Northland/Auckland

8

ASSESSMENTS

2

NOTICES

Bay of Plenty/Waikato

14

ASSESSMENTS

9

NOTICES

Taranaki/Manawatu-Whanganui

23

ASSESSMENTS

19

NOTICES

East Coast/Hawkes Bay

32

ASSESSMENTS

27

NOTICES

Nelson/Marlborough/Tasman

25

ASSESSMENTS

23

NOTICES

Wellington

10

ASSESSMENTS

8

NOTICES

Canterbury/West Coast

6

ASSESSMENTS

2

NOTICES

Southland/Otago

1

ASSESSMENTS

1

NOTICES

Plant type

The most common manufactures are Madill (42%), Thunderbird (26%) and Brightwater Engineering (12%). There is a close split between cable yarders (49%) and swing yarders (44%).

We've identified several frequently identified issues. These are listed in order of frequency.



Guarding

40

Inadequate guarding increases the risk of entrapment and/or burns. In the field we're seeing common issues of inadequately guarded machines.



Assessment and management of risks

27

Lack of assessment and management of risks associated to operating the hauler including not assessing the risks or not adequately assessing risk.



Falls from heights/railing

21

Inadequate walkways and railing increases the risk of operators falling from heights.



Plant certification

15

Lack or current plant certification.



People certification

10

Hauler being operated without proper qualifications and training.



Daily guy anchor and rigging checks

9

Daily guy anchor and rigging inspections not undertaken and/or recorded.



Noise

6

Risk regarding noise not identified and/or no noise assessments undertaken.

MEASUREMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 2019 - NOVEMBER 2019