



New Human Factors / Ergonomics Resources

More than 70 new resources have been released in the first quarter of 2008. Included are publications that deal with injury risks associated with operating and maintaining mobile equipment at both surface and underground operations. These new resources provide information about participative ergonomics programs aimed at preventing of musculoskeletal injuries.

A number of previously published reports of research into Human Factors in mining have been sourced from organisations such as the British Coal Corporation, the European Commission and the US Bureau of Mines. Permission has been granted to make these resources available online, a task that is being undertaken progressively by the MIRMGate Team during 2008.

Research reports

The [Australian Coal Association Research Program \(ACARP\)](#) and the [Coal Services Health and Safety Trust](#) are Australian based organisations that support health and safety research within the Australian coal mining industry. MIRMGate users can now search for research reports and summaries issued by these organisations that cover a range of topics, including noise management and ground control.

Site Usage

MIRMGate site statistics show that the number of new users is steadily increasing, with a rise from 3700 in the previous quarter to 4300 during the first quarter of 2008.

The total number of visitors to the site has also risen compared with the same period in 2007.

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MIRMGate resources are regularly sourced from organisations that make their information available on their websites. From time to time these organisations change the location of their resources, an action that may render existing MIRMGate links inactive.

To maintain currency, MIRMGate uses link checking software to identify broken links. Once located, current web addresses are used to update MIRMGate records to ensure that the original resource remains searchable and accessible via MIRMGate.

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EMESRT Update

EMESRT face to face meeting in March 2008...

EMESRT members met at The University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia in March to confirm the 2008 work plan. The two-day face to face meeting was well attended, with EMESRT members making the journey from The United States, Brazil and all parts of Australia for the meeting. Invited guests included London (UK) based Christine Copley, Program Director with the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) and representatives from member company underground operations.

New EMESRT resources.....

The Minerals Industry Safety and Health Centre (MISHC) is working closely with EMESRT to develop and disseminate new resources to assist with OEM and user engagement to improve equipment design. Development of the remaining seven Design Philosophies is well under way, and the Operability and Maintainability Analysis Technique (OMAT) is currently being refined and trialled. The 2008 EMESRT CD, updated with new resources, is scheduled for release at MINExpo in September 2008.

EMESRT on show.....

EMESRT member company representatives are committed to 'spreading the word' about EMESRT at conferences and other industry forums and will be seen and heard in 2008 at the events listed here.

April 24	2008 Mine Design, Operations & Closure Conference Montana Tech, Montana
May 11-14	NSW Minerals Council OH&S Conference Leura, Blue Mountains, New South Wales
May 12-15	Critical Issues Conference The International Society of Mine Safety Professionals Daytona Beach, Florida
September 22-24	MINExpo 2008 Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada

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