

## Introduction to the Overview Module

The aim of this Module is to raise awareness of the importance of best practice environmental management in mining. It introduces the series of training modules that have been developed by Environment Australia and United Nations Environment Program.

This module can be used in a numbers of ways:

- To introduce the concept of best practice environmental management in mining to management or supervisors in a company;
- As a planning workshop for developing a training program in a company;
- As the introductory module in a training program.

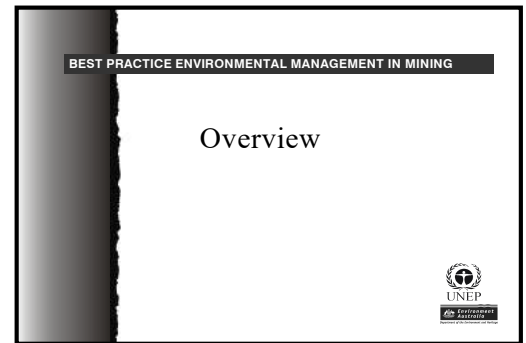
Note that this module should be used as an introduction to the other modules. A number of important ideas that form the basis for best practice environmental management are discussed here. It is essential that participants in a training program are familiar with these ideas before attempting the other modules.

This module is based on material presented in the accompanying BPEM in Mining booklet. Trainers using this kit are encouraged to adapt the ideas in the slides and notes to their own national environmental, social and industrial circumstances by seeking similar information and case studies with a local flavour. Site visits, 35 mm slides, or simple videos may be used to add local content to the presentation.

The mining industry is going through a period of rapid change. The issues and the procedures to address these issues are in constant evolution, and the material presented here will need to be frequently updated.

Environment Australia has established a website where updates, feedback and supplementary material will be posted. In addition, the website includes the entire content of the BPEM booklets and this kit. It can be accessed at:

<http://www.ea.gov.au/industry/sustainable/mining/bpem.html>



## TIPS

See the *General Trainers' Guide* for suggestions on using case studies and other ideas for developing successful training programs.

Training materials for this module:

Hard copy

- Summary Sheets

CD ROM

- Complete PowerPoint text of slides and trainers' notes
- Case studies: See Case Study Index for suggestions

The time needed for this module will depend on your objective. If you are using the module as an introduction, it might take two or three hours. For a planning workshop, you may need to allocate a full day. Make sure that you inform participants of your objective for the training session.

The idea of "best practice" may seem hard to define. The group should be given the opportunity to discuss what "best practice" means. They may have different ideas about how it can be applied in their particular sector of the minerals and energy industry. This discussion is a valuable way to exchange knowledge gained from experience in the mining industry. Any moderate sized group of people from the mining industry will have a large fund of knowledge that can enrich the training experience. Try to encourage participation to tap into this rich resource.