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To the dangerous goods safety licence holder,

## **DANGEROUS GOODS SAFETY REGULATION IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT DECISION ON COST RECOVERY**

The State Government's decision to overhaul the regulation of health and safety in the Western Australian resources industry was announced by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum in September 2009.

The Government decided the reforms would be funded by moving towards cost recovery for regulatory services, supplemented by an ongoing contribution from government. These changes, which will result in increased fees and charges for the regulation of dangerous goods, will be phased in over a four-year period commencing in 2011.

In line with these changes, the Government is committed to streamlining the regulatory processes for dangerous goods and ensuring charges reflect the time and resources it takes the Department to provide its regulatory services.

Proposals to adopt a more equitable charging regime include:

- Merging licences so that a single site will only need to hold one licence and pay one fee;
- Separating the fees for Major Hazard Facilities (MHF) and abolishing the MHF Safety Report assessment fees;
- The same fees will apply across the State, regardless of site location;
- Site licence fees being charged annually instead of three yearly;
- Implementing a refund system for licences surrendered part way through a year;
- Abolishing pipeline registration fees;
- Charging all dangerous goods storage site licence holders the same fee;

- Abolishing fees for replacing lost licence cards, etc.; and
- Licensing of dangerous goods vehicles to only apply to dedicated road vehicles with integral tanks.

Attached is an information sheet to provide more detail on the proposed changes. While the Department is obliged to recover costs for regulatory services in line with the State Government's decision, feedback from users of our services will assist in implementing equitable and efficient changes to various fees and charges.

Further advice will be provided within the next few months, including the proposed rates for specific licences. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments regarding the underlying principles outlined in the attachment, please contact Resources Safety Client Services:

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