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The Mines Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 8

TIPS AND TIPPING

Tips which are a significant hazard (notifiable tips)

63.—(1) Where the geotechnical specialist concludes under regulation 62(3)(a) that a tip represents a significant hazard by way of instability or movement (in these Regulations referred to as a “notifiable tip”), the mine operator shall ensure that the tip is subject to a further geotechnical assessment at least every two years.

(2) The mine operator shall ensure that a geotechnical assessment is undertaken as soon as is reasonably practicable where, in relation to a notifiable tip, there is—

- (a) any reason to suspect that there has been or will be a significant change to—
 - (i) the matters to which the geotechnical assessment relates, or
 - (ii) any neighbouring land which may be affected by movement by or instability of the tip; or
- (b) any reason to doubt the validity of the conclusion of the current assessment.