

# WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 30 July 2021


This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the NSW Resources Regulator: phone 1300 814 609 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## At a glance

High level summary of emerging trends and our recommendations to operators.

TYPE	NUMBER
Reportable incident total	32
Summarised incident total	2

## Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040362 Open cut coal mine  Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A watercart collided with a haul truck while both vehicles were exiting a park up area. The haul truck was travelling along the exit road of the park up area when the watercart drove into the path of the haul truck. The operator stated that they had been distracted by an alarm. The front left corner of the water cart struck the front right tyre of the haul truck.	Operators should remain focused on control of their vehicle and their surrounds and only respond to alarms and other functions when safe to do so. Our recent campaign sought to bring to the attention of operators the risk of collisions involving heavy mining equipment. Refer to: <a href="#">Vehicle incidents – heading in the wrong direction</a> .



Dangerous incident  
IncNot0040395



Open cut coal mine

A water cart failed to negotiate a corner in a haul road and drove up a windrow, rolling onto its side. The operator was looking at the touch screen, to turn on the water pump and sprays, when he felt the truck climbing the windrow. He stopped the truck and was about to reverse when the truck rolled onto its side. The operator was uninjured and was able to exit the vehicle safely.

Equipment operators must maintain situational awareness and remain vigilant regarding the risk of machine rollovers. This incident underpins the importance of wearing seatbelts as a mitigating control.



## Other publications of interest

The incidents are included for your review. The NSW Resources Regulator does not endorse the findings or recommendations of these incidents. It is your legal duty to exercise due diligence to ensure the business complies with its work health and safety obligations.

PUBLICATION	ISSUE/TOPIC
<b>International (fatal)</b>	
<b>MSHA</b>	<p><b>Mine fatality</b> – On 13 July 2021, a rock, falling from a pillar in a benched area at a room-and-pillar zinc mine, struck a miner. The miner was in a personnel lift basket near ground level to load blasting supplies. The rock fell from a height of approximately 40 feet, striking the basket.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>
<b>MSHA</b>	<p><b>Mine fatality</b> – On 21 July 2021, a miner received fatal injuries while adding a boom extension to a crane. The miner was working under the boom to remove the boom pins, when he was struck by the boom.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>
<b>International (other, non-fatal)</b>	
<b>MinEx NZ</b>	<p><b>Rock falls from quarry face</b> – An excavator was digging a face on a bench when a large rock let go, falling out of the face. The rock had the potential to strike the stick of the excavator and, due to its size, had the potential to damage the machine. The face was inspected by the excavator operator and appeared stable but due to a clay fissure behind the rock, as the clay dried and shrunk, the rock dislodged itself.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>
<b>National (other, non-fatal)</b>	
<b>SafeWork Australia</b>	<p><b>Preventing workplace sexual harassment</b> – Safe Work Australia has published four infographics to complement the sexual harassment guidance materials released earlier this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">What is workplace sexual harassment?</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">The impacts of sexual harassment</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Workplace sexual harassment – Your WHS duties</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">Steps to prevent workplace sexual harassment</a></li> </ul>

**Note:** While the majority of incidents are reported and recorded within a week of the event, some are notified outside this time period. The incidents in this report therefore have not necessarily occurred in a one-week period. All newly recorded incidents, whatever the incident date, are reviewed by the Chief Inspector and senior staff each week. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our annual performance measures reports.

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