

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 3 December 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.

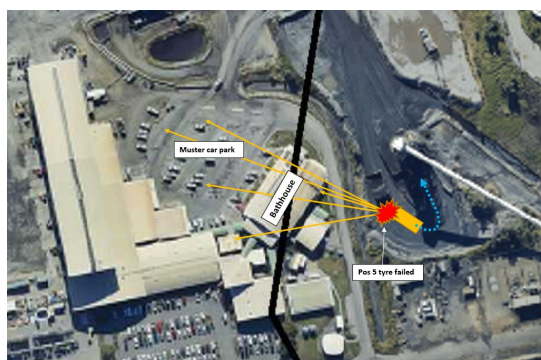
At a glance

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

TYPE	NUMBER
Reportable incident total	31
Summarised incident total	4

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0041198 Surface coal	A haul truck was travelling adjacent to an office complex and car park. The position five tyre failed, causing stones to be thrown towards the office complex and car park. A window was broken and a golf ball-sized rock landed near a person in the car park. There were no injuries.	This incident is under investigation. More information may be published at a later date.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0041189
Metals

A worker was driving a light vehicle on an access road when the steering failed. The vehicle veered left and came to rest in an adjacent drainage channel. The vehicle was travelling about 40 kph. The worker was uninjured.



The operating environment of vehicles must be considered when developing maintenance strategies for component inspection and replacement.

High potential incident
IncNot0041188
Metals

A storm front moved over a mine resulting in more than 100 mm of rain falling within 30 minutes. A creek between the open cut pit and dump burst its banks and flowed into the pit. No workers were in the mine at the time.

Refer to [SB21-10 Summer – severe weather season](#)



Explosives incident
IncNot0041180
Metals

A mobile processing unit (MPU) was transported offsite for maintenance. Three days later, an inspection of the pump cabinet at the maintenance facility offsite identified emulsion was present. Inspections identified half a tank of emulsion and half a tank of gassing agent where still onboard. No AN locks were in place on the tank or cabinet. The truck was returned to the mine.

This incident is being investigated by SafeWork NSW. However, this incident is a timely reminder for mine operators to have a robust system in place to ensure all equipment is fit to leave the site.

Resources Regulator publications

- [SB21-12 Be safe this festive season](#)

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
	International (fatal)
MHSA	<p>Mine fatality – On 17 November, 2021, a customer truck driver was electrocuted after the tarping mechanism on the trailer made contact with a high-voltage overhead power line. While exiting the cab of the truck, the worker made contact with the energised truck and suffered a non-fatal electrical shock. When he tried to re-enter the cab of the truck, he was electrocuted.</p> <p>Details</p>
	International (other, non-fatal)
Energy Safety Canada	<p>Safety Alert #15-2021 Valve falls from height striking and seriously injuring a worker - While reciprocating casing during a cement job on a drill rig, a valve weighing greater than 15 kg broke off at the threaded nipple union and fell approximately 5 to 6 metres, striking a worker in the leg and causing serious injury.</p> <p>Details</p>

National (other, non-fatal)**SafeWork SA****Unlicensed operator tips vehicle**

SafeWork SA is issuing a safety alert to remind PCBUs that they must not direct or allow a worker to carry out work activities without holding the relevant high-risk work licence following an incident involving a vehicle loading crane.

[Details](#)

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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