

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 6 May 2022

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	40
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0042123 Open cut coal Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A grader operator collided with a stationery dump truck after the operator suffered a microsleep. Nobody was injured and the damage was minor.	Mine operators should review their fatigue policy and site compliance. Contractor work groups should be included in this review. Schedule 2 of the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014 includes the requirement that a health control plan must address control measures for minimising the risk that a worker will be impaired by fatigue. Mine operators should include worker fatigue monitoring and response technology as a part of their fatigue risk analysis.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0042051
Mineral claim

A track-mounted drill rig toppled onto its side. The rig was set up to drill a shaft on an opal claim when the rig was slewed and fell onto the cab side. The operator of the drill left the scene to formulate a plan to recover the drill rig. The scene was not preserved.



Mineral claim operators and their contractors are reminded that they have an obligation to notify the NSW Resources Regulator of certain incidents that occur on mineral claims.

Refer to our [webpage](#) for information on how to report an incident and to the [Notification of incident and injury](#) guide for more detailed information.

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
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National (other, non-fatal)

Resources Safety and Health Queensland

Resources Safety & Health Queensland has released its annual briefing for the resources industry to provoke thought, discussion, and action from industry leaders. CEO Mark Stone said the regulator's annual briefing provided an overview of industry safety and health performance, as well as insights from each inspectorate on where industry could focus in order to reduce serious harm to workers. 'As a risk-based regulator, we prioritise our activities on the risk to workers and the community. We are focussed on outcomes such as serious accident reduction, effective risk control, and increased industry reporting and sharing of high potential incidents,' he said.

[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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