

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 12 May 2023


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	46
Summarised incident total	1

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous Incident IncNot0044657 Underground coal mine	<p>A feeder breaker was being trammed up a grade in a development panel by a trainee operator and trainer. The feeder breaker rode up onto a rock on the ground that started to crack and break. The trainee operator stopped tramping. When the trainee started tramping again, the breaker feeder moved down the hill towards the workers. The feeder breaker rolled about 4 metres before it stopped. The trainee dropped the pendant. The cable was caught under the tracks and the power tripped.</p> 	<p>The operating limits of machines such as grade and speed, and position of workers must be considered when planning tasks such as flits.</p> <p>Trainees must have a clear understanding about the operating parameters and characteristics such as braking performance.</p> <p>Pendants and remote controls must have functions and their operating direction clearly marked. Pre-use inspections should include checking that these markings are legible.</p>

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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)
MSHA	<p>On March 22, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., Tony Killian, a 44 year-old heavy equipment operator, with over 6 years of mining experience, died when a pump raft he was working on capsized, causing him and another miner to fall into a stormwater retention pond. Killian became entangled with the pump raft, causing him to drown.</p> <p>The accident occurred because the mine operator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. did not provide safe access for miners to repair the pump and pump raft equipment,2. did not properly train miners working on pump raft equipment and safe work procedures, and3. used pump raft FVT-1 beyond the designed capacity intended by the manufacturer by allowing miners to use pump raft FVT-1 as a work platform while performing maintenance and repairs. <p>Details</p>

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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