

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 29 Sept 2023

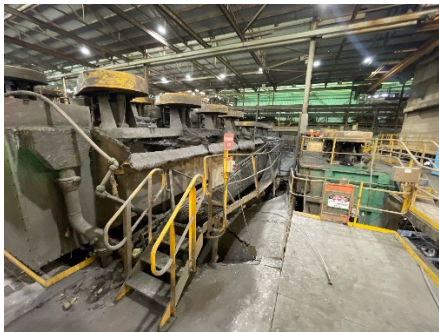
This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the NSW Resources Regulator: phone 1300 814 609 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

At a glance




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

Type	Number
Reportable incident total	40
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0045480 Underground metals	<p>A structural failure in a mill resulted in a zinc rougher launder detaching from the rougher and landing on a concrete mezzanine floor below. The floor then catastrophically failed, cantilevered over, and came to rest on infrastructure in the basement under the cell.</p> <p>No one was in the vicinity at the time.</p> 	<p>Mine operators should ensure that excessive build-up of solidified concentrate is managed to ensure structural overloading does not occur.</p> <p>Spillage of concentrates should also be managed to avoid degradation and corrosion of structures.</p> <p>Mine operators must ensure that appropriate risk-managed structural assessments are undertaken at regular intervals and remedial measures are implemented where damage to load bearing structures are identified.</p>

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<p data-bbox="113 589 411 786"> Dangerous incident IncNot0045496 Open cut coal Roads or other vehicle operating areas </p> 	 <p data-bbox="419 589 906 801"> A dozer operator was pushing carbonaceous matter close to the bottom of a pit. The pit was full of water. The dozer went too far down the slope towards the body of water and couldn't get back up. The operator tried to turn the dozer but was unsuccessful. </p> 	<p data-bbox="914 589 1477 943"> Mine operators should review and update their dozer bulk push risk assessment and associated procedures to include the requirement to clearly define the dozer bulk push area to prevent dozers from working in areas of risk. Workers should be provided adequate information, training, and instruction regarding updates to bulk push designated zones and the requirement to remain inside the zone. </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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