

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 20 October 2023

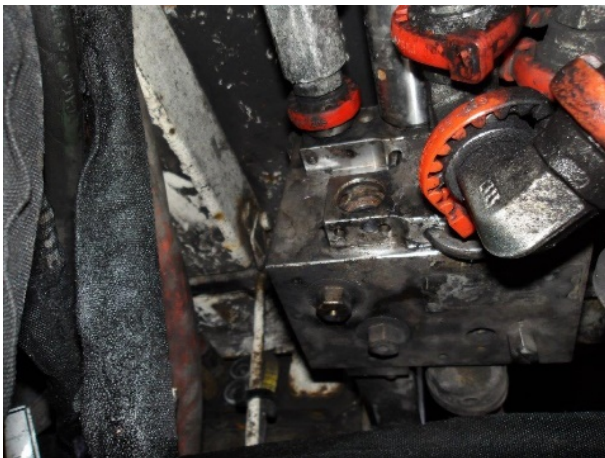
This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the NSW Resources Regulator: phone 1300 814 609 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

At a glance


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

Type	Number
Reportable incident total	33
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0045613 Underground coal mine	<p>A fitter was releasing the tension on the longwall AFC tailgate tensioner. A hose released and sprayed the worker on the left forearm. The worker was cleared of any fluid injection injury. An inspection of the area identified the staple retaining the hose had both legs broken, allowing the hose to release.</p> 	<p>Staple life and replacement intervals must consider all fluid power circuits on longwall systems including low-use circuits.</p> <p>Staple retention should be considered for all staple connections in fluid power systems.</p>

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Dangerous incident IncNot0045610 Underground metals mine	<p>The operator of an excavator was cleaning out a tailings dam sump. The excavator was working over the side of the tracks. The excavator tipped over onto the front of the cab. The cabin door was not obstructed and the operator was able to self-escape.</p> 	<p>Equipment operators must maintain situational awareness and remain vigilant to the risk of machine rollovers.</p> <p>When working at full reach, excavators should be orientated so the boom is over the end of the tracks, not over the side of the tracks.</p> <p>When planning tasks, supervisors should choose a machine appropriately sized to carry out the task safely.</p>

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
	National (other, non-fatal)
Resources Safety & Health Queensland	<p>On 11 September 2023, an operator in a large excavator in northwest Queensland was ascending a ramp to a bench in preparations to load trucks. One of the tracks departed from the ramp and the machine became unstable. While attempting to correct the position of the machine on the ramp the excavator rolled onto its side.</p> <p>The operator was able to extricate himself from the machine and was transported to hospital for assessment and treatment.</p> <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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