

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 9 August 2024

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 | 36 |
| Summarised incident total | 3 |




Summarised incidents

| Incident type | Summary | Comments to industry |
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| Serious injury IncNot0047384 Metals processing | <p>While cleaning up around a SCAT chute in a bobcat, the machine hit the chute, causing the operator to hit his head on the frame of the cabin.</p> <p>A surge of rocks fell from the chute onto the bobcat and shattered the window. The operator was transported to hospital and suffered back, chest and leg pain.</p> | <p>Workers have a duty to take reasonable care for themselves and others while in the workplace.</p> <p>This includes staying alert, being aware of their surroundings, and maintaining control of the plant and machinery they operate.</p> |

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| <p>Dangerous incident IncNot0047405 Underground metals mine</p> | <p>An operator was 'pulsing' a decline fan from the twin 110kW fan starter for inflating a vent bag.</p> <p>During this activity, smoke was seen coming from the fan starter enclosure.</p> <p>An investigation showed that a fire had started on the 1kV electrical switchgear.</p> | <p>Electrical protection systems must be maintained to ensure they operate correctly when a fault occurs. Protection settings need to be aligned with the site protection study.</p> |

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| <p data-bbox="113 842 411 920">Dangerous incident IncNot0047387</p> <p data-bbox="113 927 411 1093">Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p>  |  <p data-bbox="421 842 906 920">A haul truck hit a windrow after losing traction while driving down a ramp.</p> <p data-bbox="421 927 906 1122">The road had been recently watered. The operator believed the offside tyres were in the dry line but when they applied the retarder brake the truck began to slip.</p>  | <p data-bbox="943 842 1481 954">Workers must operate vehicles at a speed that is appropriate to the prevailing conditions.</p> <p data-bbox="943 969 1481 1155">Engineering controls that minimise the risk of loss of control should be considered, including the use of speed-limiting devices, speed monitoring and alarms.</p> <p data-bbox="943 1171 1481 1323">This incident highlights the importance of having appropriately designed and maintained windrows, bunds and edge protection.</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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