

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 21 May 2021


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	37
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0039897 Open cut coal mine  Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A light vehicle took evasive action to avoid a collision with a haul truck at an intersection. The light vehicle was travelling on the main haul road approaching an intersection when the haul truck turned right, into the path of the light vehicle. The light vehicle driver failed to slow down in accordance with the vehicle hierarchy road rules.	Inattention and distraction whilst driving can have fatal consequences. Drivers must remain vigilant and not be distracted by conversation with passengers. Principal hazard management plans for roads or other vehicle operating areas should consider all factors that may affect operator concentration. Collision detection and avoidance systems, visual aids and segregation should be implemented before relying on procedural controls.

Dangerous incident
IncNot0039908
Underground coal
mine



Roads or other
vehicle operating
areas

A passenger in an underground personnel transporter required surgery following a serious laceration to his upper arm and a broken humerus bone. The passenger's arm caught against a piece of plant when the vehicle was driven into a cut-through.

This incident is under investigation and further information may be published later.

Dangerous incident
IncNot0039909
Open cut coal mine



Roads or other
vehicle operating
areas

Both sets of rear wheels on a dump truck dropped approximately one metre when the edge of the dump slumped while the operator was tipping a load.

When designing a dump, ground stability should be a primary consideration. Material consistency, wet conditions and dipping ground stability should be considered. Inspections should verify dump integrity. Areas that do not meet the standard should be demarcated, communicated and remediated to meet the standard.



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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International (fatal)

MSHA	<p>Mine Fatality – On 22 January 2021, a shuttle car operator with 11 years of mining experience was in the operator’s compartment of his shuttle car, traveling through the last open crosscut, when a second shuttle car travelled through a ventilation curtain and struck his shuttle car. The corner of the second shuttle car entered the operator’s deck of the victim’s shuttle car. The operator was injured and passed away from the injuries on 21 February 2021.</p> <p>Details</p>
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National (other, non-fatal)

Resources Safety and Health Queensland (Coal)	<p>High Potential Incident Summary – March Periodical</p> <p>Details</p>
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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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