

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 13 May 2022

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	22
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0042136 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A haul truck operator was reversing at an angle into a corner to tip its load when the right side rear wheels pushed through a windrow, causing the truck to bottom out on the windrow. The driver safely exited the truck.	Mine operators should review their tipping procedures and consider controls such as tipping short in corners, using a spotter in similar circumstances and training/competency/experience of operators.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0042141
Coal processing
plant
Ground or strata
failure



A wheel loader was creating a ramp on a stockpile when the loader drove over a soft area and a rear wheel sank. The operator safely exited the loader.



When working on grades and slopes, operators must be cautious when raising implements, such as buckets, and when articulating. When planning tasks, the equipment to be used should be fit for purpose considering the operating environment and task requirements.

Dangerous incident
IncNot0042164
Construction
materials

An excavator made contact with an under-slung earth wire on a three-phase aerial supply. The excavator applied tension to the earth wire causing the phase conductors to clash, arc and trip. The earth wire snapped.



When developing roads or other vehicle operating areas, the potential for interaction between mobile plant and fixed structures, such as overhead power lines, must be assessed. Controls must be put in place considering the hierarchy of controls in accordance with [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 clause 36 Hierarchy of control measures](#)

Refer to:
[Safety bulletin: SB15-05 Plant contacting overhead powerlines and structures](#)

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 and Health Qld	<p>A near miss occurred when a coal mine worker was operating a DK90 rotary blasthole drill rig during a night shift. When relocating to the next hole position, the trainee operator trammed the rig onto the highwall edge protection berm. By the time the operator stopped tramping, the nose of the tracks had reached the top of the berm and the operator's cab was likely suspended past the edge of the highwall. Key issues identified were that the rig was directly perpendicular on its approach to the highwall berm without considering the edge of the berm, and that the shape and material of the highwall berm allowed the tracks to readily climb through it.</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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