

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 24 February 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 | 30 |
| Summarised incident total | 2 |

Summarised incidents

| Incident type | Summary | Comments to industry |
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| Dangerous incident IncNot0044140 Construction materials Roads or other vehicle operating areas  | A truck and dog were loaded and leaving a quarry on a single lane road. Another truck had stopped on the road, so the first truck tried to drive around it, leaving the roadway. The truck drove into a drain and slipped, rolling onto its side. The driver was unable to climb out of the truck. Emergency services were called to help the driver to exit the vehicle. The driver was not injured. | When operating vehicles and machinery, workers must follow procedures related to roads and other vehicle operating areas, in this case, the worker should not have attempted to pass on a single lane road. Mine operators should review bunding and delineation of access roads. Control measures in place around sumps and drains near roads and vehicle operating areas should be reviewed. |

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| <p data-bbox="124 1003 379 1205">Dangerous incident IncNot0044124 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p>  | <p data-bbox="424 1003 1034 1256">A dump truck was stationary in a queue for a digger when a ladder alarm sounded in the cabin. The operator contacted the workshop, and was directed to shut down the truck and isolate it. The operator applied the park brake and exited the cabin. A second alarm sounded and the operator sought further advice from the workshop, and was directed to isolate the truck.</p> <p data-bbox="424 1272 1034 1458">The operator reached the ground and once the truck was isolated, it began to roll forward. The operator then climbed back up the stairs, entered the cabin and applied the service brake, which needed to be held on with the park-brake activated.</p>  | <p data-bbox="1059 1003 1449 1070">A safety alert will be published regarding this incident.</p> |

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Note: Please ensure all relevant people in your organisation receive a copy of this safety alert and are informed of its content and recommendations. This safety alert should be processed in a systematic manner through the mine's information and communication process. It should also be placed on the mine's common area, such as your notice board where appropriate.

Visit our [website](#) to:

- find more safety alerts and bulletins
- use our searchable safety database

Other Resources Regulator news

Investigation report – Death of a worker at West Wyalong Quarry

On 24 May 2021, Mr Matthew Richens (self-employed contractor) sustained fatal injuries when he was struck by a light vehicle while working at West Wyalong Quarry, Wyalong, NSW.

Read the full report on our [website](#).

Consolidated report – Ground or strata failure underground metalliferous mines

This report summarises the assessment findings from 10 mines in relation to assessments for the hazard of ground or strata failure, conducted during the period between June 2021 and December 2022. Read the full report on our [website](#).

Safety Bulletin SB23-02 Ongoing monitoring and reporting for escape breathing apparatus

In late 2022, the Resources Regulator was alerted that some operators of underground coal mines may not have been complying with testing requirements for self-rescuers in accordance with the Technical Reference Guide (TRG) for Escape breathing apparatus for underground mining applications – standards for design and ongoing monitoring. Read the full report on our [website](#).

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.

Call for expression of interest - certificate of competence examiners

We are seeking additional expressions of interest (EOIs) to be certificate of competence reserve (casual) examiners for the following statutory functions:

- mechanical engineer and manager
- open cut examiner
- mining engineering manager coal mines
- deputy

Successful candidates will benefit from personal development through exposure to assessment processes. They will also be remunerated and paid for travel expenses, and eligible to claim learning hours for practising certificate maintenance of competence requirements.

For more information visit our [website](#) or contact the mining competence team at mca@regional.nsw.gov.au or 1300 814 609 (Options 2 and then option 3)

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