

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 16 June 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	32
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0044878 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A haul truck operator was assigned to a different digger mid-shift. The operator went to travel down a ramp that had not been used since recent wet weather. As the truck was descending the ramp, the rear wheels started to slide. The operator was unable to stop the truck and continued to slide through an intersection. Beyond the intersection was a drill pattern and the operator was concerned this was loaded so steered into the centre bund, stopping the truck.	Mine operators should confirm roads are suitable for use before commencing operations after wet weather. When roads are closed, they should be clearly marked and communicated to workers.



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<p>Dangerous Incident IncNot0044859 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p>	<p>At the end of day shift, 3 workers were driving back to a muster area. The vehicle hit a soft spot in the haul road, causing the vehicle to slide. As the driver tried to correct the slide, the vehicle went from a wet section of the haul road to a dry section. The vehicle rolled. No workers were injured.</p> 	<p>When operating plant and equipment workers must remain situationally aware of the environment in which they are operating.</p> <p>Mine operators should assess and demarcate any areas on roads and vehicle operating areas where conditions may pose hazards to vehicle operations.</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
	<p>International (fatal)</p>
<p>MSHA</p>	<p>On May 16, 2023, a bulldozer operator died when a spoil pile slid and engulfed the bulldozer he was operating. At the time of the accident, the bulldozer operator was repairing a ramp used to access water pumps in the pit.</p> <p>Details</p>
	<p>National (other, non-fatal)</p>
<p>Government of Western Australia</p>	<p>WorkSafe Mines Safety has conducted a review of mine inspection reports, including traffic management audits and incident factors, from 2019–2022. These identified a number of common issues that may have contributed to serious and potentially serious incidents involving contact between heavy vehicles and light vehicles.</p> <p>Collisions and contact between heavy vehicles and light vehicles occurred across many areas of the mine sites, including on mine roads, haul roads, ROM pads, waste</p>

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	dumps, active mining areas and ancillary services areas. These incidents have resulted in the serious injury and death of workers in the Western Australian mining industry. Details

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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