

# Weekly incident summary

## Week ending 25 August 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	33
Summarised incident total	2

### Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0045278 Underground metals mine Fire or explosion	<p>A light vehicle was being driven to a drill rig when it stopped about 80 metres from the drill site. A worker proceeded to the drill rig and commenced work. The worker heard a bang and turned to see the vehicle on fire. The worker used an extinguisher and found the fire suppression system had already activated. This did not extinguish the fire.</p> <p>The worker retreated and raised the alarm. All workers then proceeded to refuge chambers. The mine's emergency rescue team responded to the fire.</p>	A forensic fire expert has been engaged. Further findings may be communicated in future.



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<p data-bbox="113 264 395 465">Dangerous incident IncNot0045290 Underground metals mine Fire or explosion</p> 	<p data-bbox="395 264 1007 465">A worker was cleaning up in a decline and noticed a red glow at the back of a loader. The worker activated the fire suppression system, which extinguished the fire. A fire extinguisher was also used to ensure the fire was extinguished.</p> <p data-bbox="395 465 1007 600">An initial inspection determined that an oil cooler hose failed and sprayed oil onto the fan and the turbo. This was supported by the spray of oil on the ground and wall.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1007 264 1477 465">Managing hydraulic hoses is vital in reducing the risk of fire on mobile plant. Hoses near fans should be considered high risk due to the dispersion of any oil if a hose fails.</p> <p data-bbox="1007 465 1477 510">Refer to:</p> <ul data-bbox="1007 510 1477 741" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1007 510 1477 555">• <a href="#">MDG41 Fluid power systems</a></li><li data-bbox="1007 555 1477 689">• <a href="#">MDG15 Guideline for mobile and transportable plant for use at mines (other than underground coal mines)</a></li><li data-bbox="1007 689 1477 741">• <a href="#">Fire on mobile plant webpage</a></li></ul>

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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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