

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 3 May 2024

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.

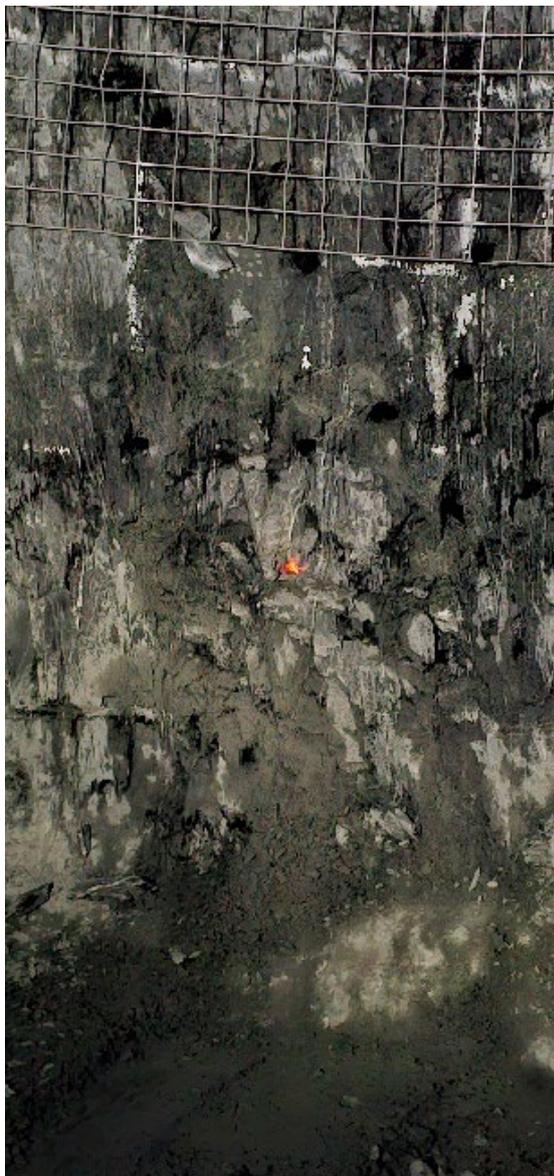
Type	Number
Reportable incident total	42
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0046803 Underground coal mine	<p>An operator on a continuous miner RHS rib bolter was sprayed with hydraulic oil in the neck and face area. The operator was on the platform about 800-900 mm from the release of fluid. The retraction hose, which operates at 2000psi, failed.</p> <p>The spiral wrap guarding did not adequately protect the hose from rubbing on the edge of a metal plate.</p>	<p>Pressurised fluid injuries are a failure of a risk control to a major hazard.</p> <p>All mines should include the management of hazards associated with high-pressure fluid systems as an integral part of their mine safety management system.</p> <p>Mine operators must ensure that hydraulic systems are maintained appropriately to prevent loss of hydraulic fluid under pressure. Controls such as shielding must be considered to protect workers from the risk of fluid release near a workstation or areas where people are likely to be working.</p>

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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0046811 Underground metals mine Fire or explosion</p>	<p>A Jumbo operator was drilling a face top down and required a clean-up by a loader to drill out the lifter holes.</p> <p>The loader operator cleaned up the area and scratched the bottom of the face to remove any loose rock left before departing the job.</p> <p>When the operator scraped the face, they heard a noise and looked back and noticed flame coming from a drill hole at the face.</p>	<p>Mine operators must implement controls to ensure that the risk of gas ignition from a spark while scraping a face does not occur.</p> <p>Where there is a high likelihood of gas being present in an underground metal mine, the mine should stipulate in a procedure that gas readings must be taken at specified intervals and before scraping the face.</p>



Other Resources Regulator publications

- [Investigation information release IIR24-03 Driller's assistant seriously injured at CSA mine](#)

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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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