

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 21 February 2025


This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the 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	37
Summarised incident total	4

Summarised incidents


Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0048571 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	<p>A scraper collided with a haul truck at the intersection of the main pit and a haul road.</p> <p>The scraper was operating under hierarchy conditions. The scraper slid approximately 57 metres before colliding with the haul truck.</p> 	<p>When operating machinery, particularly on wet surfaces, the driver's primary focus must remain on the operation and control of the vehicle.</p> <p>Low speeds are critical in such conditions and drivers must operate vehicles at a speed that is appropriate to the prevailing conditions.</p> <p>Engineering controls that minimise the risk of loss of control should be considered, including using speed-limiting devices, speed monitoring and alarms.</p> <p>Mobile plant operating characteristics, including stopping distances, manoeuvrability and speeds must be considered when developing control measures to manage the risks of operating vehicles.</p>



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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048582 Underground metals mine Fire or explosion</p> 	<p>An explosives truck carrying about 900 kilograms of emulsion had a fire start in the transmission area. The truck was tramping up a decline when the operator noticed smoke and heat and initiated the fire suppression.</p>	<p>Mine operators should ensure stringent monitoring and quality control of maintenance and repair activities.</p> <p>Refer to: MDG15 Guideline for mobile and transportable plant for use at mines (other than underground coal mines)</p> <p>AS 5062 Fire protection for mobile and transportable equipment provides further guidance for mines.</p> <p>For more resources, refer to our web page: Fires on mobile plant safety</p>
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048597 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p> 	<p>A rear dump truck and a 49-tonne excavator collided when the truck reversed into the cab of the excavator. The operator of the excavator was not injured but required assistance to egress from the machine.</p> <p>The truck had material hanging up in the tray that was going to be removed with the intervention of the excavator.</p> <p>Both vehicles were using different communication channels so positive communication was not established as the truck was reversing.</p>	<p>This incident is under investigation by the Regulator and further information will be published later.</p> <p>Systems of work involving interaction between plant should consider the hierarchy of controls and not solely rely on administrative controls such as positive communications.</p>

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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048603 Underground coal mine Ground or strata failure</p>	<p>A continuous miner had completed a cut-out and was preparing to install mesh when a slab of stone 900 x 800 x 100 metres fell and hit the timber jacks before rolling back onto the platform of the miner. The operator took evasive action when he saw the stone falling and was uninjured.</p> <p>The slab fell when ramping up through an ironstone band in the roof. The</p>	<p>Loose roof material should be identified and removed before any bolting activities.</p> <p>Under no circumstances should workers be exposed to unsupported roof while bolting.</p> <p>When ramping up or down through stone ply, the continuous miner should be trammed back before installing mesh on timber jacks.</p>

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	<p>worker was supporting the mesh by hand when the slab fell.</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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