

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 31 January 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	38
Summarised incident total	3


Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0048469 Underground coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas 	<p>A loader was travelling out of a mine towing 2 longwall monorail cassettes. The rear monorail frame hit a 250 mm water-filled poly-pipe, causing the pipe to fracture. The poly-pipe was not pressurised above gravity-feed pressure. However, a high-tension cable (11kV) power line above the poly-pipe was also hit by the damaged pipe and caused cable sheath damage.</p> <p>Crews were evacuated from the mine.</p> <p>The trailing cassette wandered towards the ribline – making contact with the pipe flange, which in turn made contact with, and damaged, the cable.</p>	<p>Mine operators must undertake an assessment of proposed travel routes when transporting loads to ensure installed services are not interfered with.</p>

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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048490 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p> 	<p>A dozer operator was completing floor clean-up at a dig area and after completing a push, he reversed at 45 degrees.</p> <p>The operator stopped, ready to begin another push when the dozer slowly started to tip onto the right-hand side.</p> <p>The operator said it felt like the bench the dozer was sitting on slumped.</p> 	<p>Pre-task inspections of work areas should be undertaken to identify and manage any hazards present.</p> <p>Where the work area conditions change, workers should stop and re-assess the area.</p> <p>Refer to safety bulletins: <u>SB19-01 Rise in dozer incident putting operators at risk</u> <u>SB19-10 Dozer incidents increase despite warnings</u></p>
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0048456 Underground metals mine</p>	<p>While carrying a load into a mine, a forklift operator failed to stop when using the brakes of the machine. The operator had to steer the forklift into a wall to bring it to a stop.</p> <p>The operator was not injured.</p>	<p>When transporting loads underground, the selected vehicle needs to be fit for its intended purpose. Operational testing of service and park brakes should be included in pre-use inspections.</p>

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Other Resources Regular publications

Investigation information release: IIR25-02 Causal investigation – Polyurethane ground stabiliser fire exposes workers to health, safety risk

The Resources Regulator has begun a causal investigation to determine the causal factors that led to an underground mine fire at Perilya Southern Operations, Broken Hill, NSW, on 12 January 2025.

A line of enquiry in the investigation will consider if a PUR used to stabilise the ground self-heated after being applied by workers who were undertaking ground support and remedial work in an isolated underground area.

Workers undertaking remediation identified fumes and vapour while applying the PUR product. The workers successfully retreated to fresh air bases where they remained until it was assessed as safe to leave the mine. Ultimately, all workers were safely removed from the mine. There were no injuries reported by the mine operator regarding this incident.

[Read the full report online](#)

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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