



SAFETY BULLETIN

Unplanned movement of plant

BACKGROUND

A recent incident at a Queensland coal mine has again highlighted the serious issue of unplanned movement of plant. In the Queensland incident the isolator on a shuttle car had been turned off. When the isolator was turned on and the pump start switch turned to start, the car lunged forward approximately half a metre. Fortunately no one was put at risk in the incident. The Queensland Department of Mines and Energy – Mines Inspectorate released Safety Alert No 162 (www.nrw.qld.gov.au/mines/safety_health.html) on the incident on 24 May 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All mines should review Safety Alert SA06-01 *Dangerous Unplanned Movements - Shuttle Cars and Continuous Miners* and Safety Alert SA06-12 *Maintenance of Safety Critical Systems - Braking, Steering and Warning Systems* released by NSW DPI in 2006. These Safety Alerts can be accessed at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/safety/safety-alerts. Mines should also review Queensland Safety Alert No 162 *Shuttle Car Lunged Forward*. Consideration of these alerts is necessary to prevent future occurrences of like incidences.

NOTE: Please ensure all relevant people in your organisation receive a copy of this Safety Bulletin, and are informed of its content and recommendations. This Safety Bulletin should be processed in a systematic manner through the mine's information and communication process. It should also be placed on the mine's notice board.

Signed

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