

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 7 August 2020


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 incidents and our comments to operators.

TYPE	NUMBER
Reportable incident total	46
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0037912 Open cut coal mine	An empty haul truck was travelling around a corner when the rear axle box wheel assembly detached from the main truck frame. The retaining bolts for the trunnion pin failed, allowing the trunnion pin to dislodge. 	This incident is under investigation and further information may be published later. Following maintenance and repairs to mobile plant, the plant should be inspected, tested and verified as fit for purpose. Mobile plant should have suitable maintenance schedules that take into consideration condition and hours of operation. Mine operators are reminded of the importance of following original equipment (OEM) maintenance schedules.

Dangerous incident
IncNot00378921
Open cut industrial minerals mine



Roads or other vehicle operating areas

A rigid haul truck rolled over the side of a haul road, coming to rest on the edge of a steep drop.

The operator was wearing a seatbelt and suffered a minor injury.

Initial enquiries suggest that sunlight interfered with the driver's line of sight, causing him to drive into the bunding that was not adequate to hold up the truck. The truck drove over a large rock in the bund wall and tipped over.



Mine operators should ensure that bunds are designed, constructed and maintained to a standard that is suitable to protect workers from harm.

Principal hazard management plans for roads or other vehicle operating areas should consider factors that may affect operator visibility or ability to control a vehicle such as sunlight, fog, or dust obstructions that may affect lines of sight.

This incident also highlights the importance of wearing a seatbelt while operating mobile plant.

Other publications of interest

The incidents are included for your review. The NSW Resources Regulator does not endorse the findings or recommendations of these incidents. It is your legal duty to exercise due diligence to ensure the business complies with its work health and safety obligations.

PUBLICATION	ISSUE/TOPIC
	National (other, non-fatal)
Qld. Department of Transport and Main Roads (In MinEx NZ)	<p>Crane incident – SAB0920</p> <p>An incident occurred in Central Queensland involving an EFFER vehicle loading crane. These cranes have several hydraulic extensions that are held in the boom with pins. The pins are locked into the boom's segments with a grub screw.</p> <p>A loose grub screw enabled a pin to fall out, which then allowed the extension to drop out when the crane was deployed for use. The dropped extension arm broke off a hydraulic fitting. No-one was injured.</p> <p>Details</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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