

# WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 9 July 2021

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	18
Summarised incident total	1

## Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040269 Surface mine	A watercart passed through the site wheel wash enclosure and travelled down a sealed asphalt ramp towards the weigh bridge. The watercart was spraying the ramp to remove a build-up of dirt and silt that had dropped from vehicles using the ramp. The operator lost control of the watercart and tried to brake and steer it into the bank but couldn't stop. It then collided with a truck and dog trailer waiting on the weighbridge. The operator had mistakenly assumed the truck was in the process of exiting the weighbridge when he began his descent. The traffic control lights for the ramp were inoperable at the time. There were no injuries.	Mine operators should ensure traffic control devices are working as per design. Vehicle operators should always seek positive communication and should never assume the movement of another vehicle. Operators are reminded to always drive to conditions.



## Other publications of interest

These 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
	<b>International (fatal)</b>
<b>MSHA</b>	<b>Mine fatalities</b> - On 9 June 2021, two mine workers were fatally injured when a locomotive collided with the personnel carrier in which they were riding. <a href="#">Details</a>

**Marine Safety  
Forum**

**Danger of older/damaged extinguishers - Fatality**

A worker discharged a corroded handheld cartridge-type, dry chemical powder fire extinguisher, which had been condemned during an annual third-party inspection. When the internal carbon dioxide cylinder was activated to energise the fire extinguisher, the unit ruptured at the corroded base, exploded, and struck the worker, causing critical head injuries.

[Details](#)

**MinEx NZ**

**Quarry fatality – Rockfall**

Falls of ground/rock are a major cause of fatalities in the extractives sector, both in New Zealand and internationally. A worker was fatally injured when a rock fell onto an excavator during its operation. The precise details have not yet been released and are still under investigation.

[Details](#)

**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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