

Week ending 9 May 2018

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	44
Summarised incident total	6

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident SinNot- 2018/00707	<p>Pasture harrows hit the windscreen of an excavator. The harrows became caught on buried geo-fabric and when the excavator was slewed, a chain broke and the harrows hit the windscreen of the excavator.</p> <p>No injuries were reported.</p>	<p>When adapting plant to fit another item of plant, a change management assessment must be made to identify any additional hazards.</p> <p>Ensure all foreseeable hazards have been considered and appropriate controls are introduced.</p>



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<p>Dangerous incident SinNot- 2018/00704</p>	<p>A collision occurred between two underground man transports. A crew of eight workers in one transporter had stopped at a work site when a second transporter carrying three workers drove into the rear of it. Passengers of both machines suffered injuries.</p> 	<p>Supervision and auditing of compliance with the transport rules at mine sites should focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → speed → separation distance between machines → alertness of drivers → park-up practices → traffic management around work areas → communication of all work areas.
<p>Dangerous incident SinNot- 2018/00700</p>	<p>A collision occurred between an underground haul truck and a light vehicle on the mine access ramp. Both operators called on the two-way radio that they were entering the ramp but they both failed to make positive communication with each other.</p> 	<p>All mines should review safety bulletin SB18-06 Lack of positive communications</p> <p>Consideration should be given to the installation of traffic lights at areas where clear line of sight is poor.</p>

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<p>Dangerous incident SinNot- 2018/00697</p>	<p>Two areas of spontaneous combustion have been identified.</p>	<p>All coal mine operators, including open cut mines, are reminded that the new Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014 clause 179 (h) requires 'spontaneous combustion' to be notified to the regulator.</p>
<p>Dangerous incident SinNot- 2018/00686</p>	<p>An operator experienced a micro sleep and lost control of the underground haul truck he was driving.</p>	<p>A system must be in place to assess the fitness for work of operators. Refer to Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014 schedule 2 clause 2 Principal control plans.</p>
<p>Dangerous incident SinNot- 2018/00677</p>	<p>A rock bolt fell 16 m from the headworks of a winder onto a pedestrian walkway. A bolt was protruding from the skip when it caught a guard and was ejected onto the platform before falling to the ground.</p>	<p>Guarding around areas where material is transferred should be able to contain ejected items. Catch points can pivot and eject items above guarding if not enclosed.</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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