

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 18 June 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	37
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040098 Underground coal mine  Ground or strata	A roof fall, approximately six metres long, measuring the full width of the drive (5.4 metres) and two metres high, occurred in the main gate of an underground coal mine directly behind the continuous miner where the area was supported. Two fitters on a continuous miner noticed some flaking in the roof and immediately went outbye just prior to the fall of ground. The ground failure was sudden.	Underground mines must have systems in place to ensure the correct installation of designed strata support. This includes requirements and frequency of encapsulation test, pull test, torque test on drill rigs, inspection of installation spacing. Once these requirements are determined mine operators must make compliance variations.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0040114
Open cut coal mine

The operator of a dump truck smelled smoke in the cabin, activated the emergency stop button and exited the truck. There was a loud bang and the truck began to roll away. The unmanned dump truck travelled approximately 30 metres in an arc before coming to a stop. Initial investigation indicates a loose wire has shorted out the 24 volt supply to the dump-brake switch causing a fire behind the dash and ultimately causing the truck to move on the incline.

When activating the emergency stop in a dump truck, plant operators should also ensure that the park brake is applied before exiting the vehicle.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0040099
Underground coal
mine

A fall of roof occurred on the inbye side of a fault plane. The continuous miner was operating inbye approximately 60 metres. Operators were able to retreat past the fallen material under supported roof. Ventilation was not disrupted.

See recommendations from incident number IncNot0040098 above



Ground or strata



Other Resources Regulator publications

Safety Bulletin	SB21-04	Crawler utility vehicle runaway
Safety Alert	SA21-05	Potential crush point on personnel transport vehicle
Safety Alert	SA21-06	Worker knocked from ladder

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
	International (fatal)
MSHA	<p>Mine fatality - On Thursday 3 June 2021, a 42-year-old section foreman was fatally injured when he was hit by a shuttle car. The victim was struck when he walked into the path of a loaded shuttle car that was traveling to the dump point.</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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