

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 7 May 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	40
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Serious injury IncNot0039792 Underground coal	A worker sustained a broken tibia when his leg was trapped between two steel beams. The worker was helping position a beam that was being moved by a LHD. He placed his leg between a beam on the ground and the one attached to the LHD, which slipped sideways crushing his leg.	Workers need to apply safe standing zones to ensure they remain outside of the line of fire. Workers need to remain situationally aware and not place themselves in a position of danger while undertaking tasks.



Dangerous incident
IncNot0039789
Open cut
construction
materials

An excavator has unintentionally contacted an energised pad mounted transformer (main transformer substation) forcing it from its normal position and causing a high voltage electrical fault which caused the electrical protection to activate. The excavator was digging a trench close to the transformer when the machine slewed around, and the counterweight hit the transformer dislodging it from its mounts.

When working in proximity to live high voltage equipment, mines should consider the associated hazards and apply the hierarchy of controls. De-energising the HV equipment prior to work or minimising the risk by using alternative plant, the erection of barriers, the application of safe operating distances and using observers should all be considered.



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
International (fatal)	
MSHA	<p>Mine fatality– On 19 April 2021, a miner stopped his haul truck in front of his personal vehicle to get his lunch. While standing and eating his lunch, the haul truck rolled forward, pinning the miner between the haul truck and his personal truck.</p> <p>Details</p>

National (other, non-fatal)

DMIRS (WA)

The Quarterly Performance Snapshot for the Western Australian Mining Industry

Provides a snapshot of injury and incident data provided to the Department for the minerals sector between 1 October - 31 December 2020.

[Details](#)

Resources Safety and Health

Monthly Periodical – Serious accidents and high potential incidents (February)

[Details](#)

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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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