

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 10 September 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 | 2 |

Summarised incidents

| INCIDENT TYPE | SUMMARY | COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY |
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| Dangerous incident IncNot0040643 Underground coal mine  Ground or strata | <p>A roof fall occurred in an underground coal mine. The fall was the full width of the roadway and extended 15 to 20 metres. The fall occurred as workers were in the crib room preparing to start work in the area where the fall occurred. Monitoring in the intersection showed 31 millimetres total displacement leading up to the fall. Initial investigations suggest it is a stress related roof fall.</p>  | <p>This incident is under investigation and further information may be published later. Underground mine operators should review the adequacy of their strata monitoring arrangements and associated trigger action response plans (TARPs) to ensure that workers are not exposed to unacceptable risks associated with strata failure. Mine operators should ensure that any abnormal changes in the strata behaviour are considered as potential indicators of geological change and respond appropriately. Mine operators should ensure that the strata monitoring plan includes the</p> |



timing for installation of strata monitoring devices and required installation of the devices in all high-risk areas including intersections.

Dangerous incidents
IncNot0040675
Open cut coal mine



Roads or other vehicle operating areas

A contractor was driving a light vehicle up a ramp when the sun affected their vision. The vehicle mounted a windrow and tipped onto the passenger side. The driver was wearing a seatbelt and was uninjured.



Drivers must maintain focus on the task at hand. When visibility is affected, drivers should find a safe place to stop and address the issue, rather than continuing to drive on. Roadway and intersection designs must consider all environmental factors that could affect visibility, including sunlight and the location of fixed lighting.

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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