

# WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 22 October 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	35
Summarised incident total	1

## Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040916 Construction materials	<p>A worker at a sand mine was cleaning excessive buildup on the tail roller of an operating conveyor. While using a small scraper to clean the buildup off, the worker's hand got pulled into the roller by the conveyor belt. It was common practice in this workplace to go into the guarded area and clean the tail roller without isolating the conveyor.</p> 	<p>Under no circumstances should workers enter a guarded area without implementing isolation procedures. Mine operators should review the adequacy of their guarding and isolation arrangements, to protect workers from the risk of entanglement with operating plant. Guidance on guarding requirements can be found in Australian Standard AS/NZ 4024 Safety of Machinery.</p>



## 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
	<b>International (fatal)</b>
<b>MSHA</b>	<p><b>Mine fatality</b> – On 1 October 2021, a 25-year-old miner was fatally injured when he entered a surge bin, used as a feed hopper, and was engulfed by material.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>
	<b>International (other, non-fatal)</b>
<b>MinEx New Zealand</b>	<p><b>Broken link arm on loader</b></p> <p>A loader was lifting blocks and stacking them to one side ready to load onto a transporter. As the blocks were lowered onto the ground, the end of the link arm broke off. The broken end of the link arm projected into the air before it landed on the ground 9 metres away from the loader.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></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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