

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 16 July 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	34
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0040312 Open cut coal mine  Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A light vehicle travelling up a ramp narrowly avoided driving over a 3.5 metre face. The ramp had been constructed in the morning to link two work areas but was partially excavated during the day. Due to the incline of the ramp, the light vehicle driver couldn't see that the ramp had been partially removed. The front wheels went over the edge and the vehicle bellied out on the open edge. The occupants were able to exit the vehicle safely and did not suffer any injuries. The ramp had been excavated without any delineation markers, windrow or positive communication to the light vehicle operators.	Mine operators should ensure that appropriate barricading standards are applied in instances where ramps or roads are excavated, or edges are exposed. Changes to roads and other vehicle operating areas should be communicated to affected workers. The Resources Regulator is currently investigating a similar incident in which a light vehicle drove over an open edge and fell 12 metres following the excavation of a ramp. Refer to: IIR20-03 Light vehicle drives over open edge



Dangerous incidents
IncNot0040301 &
IncNot0040298
Open cut coal mines

In two separate incidents, road registered prime movers have overturned. The trucks were each towing two side-tipping trailers. While tipping, the front trailer has rolled and pulled the prime mover onto its side. One truck was transporting coal preparation plant reject material and the other, material from a settlement pond. One worker had identified material hang up in the body, however, the truck rolled before the material released. Neither operator was injured.

Mine operators should consider the most appropriate truck type for the material being transported. Workers should monitor for material hang up and should report unsafe conditions to their supervisor.





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>Recent vehicle rollover accidents - Recently, several fatalities have occurred following incidents when vehicles flipped over backwards, rolled over, and tipped over on their sides.</p> <p>Details</p>
MSHA	<p>Powered Haulage accidents – Recent incidents involving mobile equipment such as shuttle cars, scoops, locomotives, front end loaders, haulage equipment, service and pickup trucks, have resulted in a disproportionately high rate of fatalities.</p> <p>Details</p>
	International (other, non-fatal)
MinEx NZ	<p>Incidents involving concrete delivery vehicles - There have been two near misses involving delivery of concrete to customer sites.</p> <p>Details</p>
	National (other, non-fatal)
Resources Safety and Health,	<p>May 2021 Incident periodical</p> <p>Details</p>

**Queensland
(Coal mines)**

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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