

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 4 August 2023



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	41
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0045147 Underground coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p> 	<p>A personnel transporter carrying a full load of passengers was stopped to allow a load haul dump (LHD) to pass in the drift. As the LHD passed the transport, the pod being carried by the LHD clipped the rear of the personnel transporter. The incident resulted in minor injuries to one of the passengers.</p> 	<p>Mine operators should review their procedures for vehicles passing in an underground roadway.</p> <p>Workers must ensure safe clearances can be maintained when passing in underground roadways. Where clearances cannot be maintained, shunting procedures must be followed.</p>

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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0045171 Underground coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p> 	<p>A road-registered 10 tonne tipper truck had a partial, slow 45 degree rollover because of washery spillage material hanging up in the tray. Two people in the truck were able to escape from the cabin onto another vehicle.</p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0045178 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p> 	<p>A dozer rolled onto its side while working to push material to an excavator on a double bench. The dozer became destabilised when one of its tracks ran over a large boulder and the machine tipped onto its side. The operator was uninjured and was able to remove himself from the machine.</p> 	<p>Pre-task inspections of work areas should be undertaken to identify and manage the hazards present. This should include confirming lighting is adequate for the tasks being conducted in the area.</p> <p>Dozer operators need to remain situationally aware while the dozer is in motion and continually assess the work area for hazards.</p> <p>Pre-task inspections of work areas must be monitored and confirmed by supervisors.</p> <p>Refer to safety bulletins: SB19-01 Rise in dozer incident putting operators at risk SB19-10 Dozer incidents increase despite warnings</p>

Other Resources Regulator publications

- [Safety Bulletin: SB23-07 Fitness for work - fatigue](#)

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.

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Publication	Issue/topic
	National (other, non-fatal)
Resources Safety & Health Queensland	<p>On July 5, 2023, a light truck carrying three drilling contractors between exploration drilling rigs at a mine site failed to negotiate a bend on a mine road. The truck contacted the bund, travelling over it and landing in the adjacent creek bed below. The three workers on board the truck suffered injuries and were taken to hospital for treatment.</p> <p>Details</p>
Resources Safety & Health Queensland	<p>At a surface coal mine on Sunday 23 July 2023, a dragline house collided with a cable tractor that was stationary in the operational swing boundary of the dragline house. The coal mine worker in the cable tractor was uninjured in the collision and immediately moved the cable tractor outside the swing boundary after the incident.</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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