MDG 18 – Air Compressors in Mines

Incident	Agent of	Events
Information	Fatality	
7/03/2003	Uncontrolled	Fatally injured when he was struck on the head by a
Australia	Release of Energy	compressed air line whilst extending the air line underground.
Queensland		
Non-Coal		
Underground		
7/08/1989	Uncontrolled	Was checking the flow of slurry into an explosives truck
Australia	Release of Energy	when a bubble of compressed air travelled through the hose
Western		causing it to fly out of the truck. The miner was struck in the
Australia		face by the coupling on the end of the hose.
Unknown		
Unknown		
19/12/1984	Fire	A fire in the intake of the 5th Right longwall quickly
United States		engulfed and cut of the escape route of 27 persons. The fire
Coal		source was determined to be a compressor at crosscut 36.
Underground		One miner escaped, but the other 27 perished.
17/11/1978	Other	Crushed between a mobile compressor and a drilling machine
Australia		when pin fell out of coupling as he was travelling into mine
New South		with machines.
Wales		
Non-Coal		
Underground		
6/03/1958	Uncontrolled	Fatally injured when attaching a hose to a compressed air
Australia	Release of Energy	main when a reducing bush on the main burst.
Queensland		
Non-Coal		
Underground		
26/09/1955	Other	Killed by a falling disconnected valve
Australia		
New South		
Wales		
Non-Coal		
Underground		