

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 22 March 2024

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 IncNot0046589 Underground metals mine	A switchroom starter for an underground conveyor tripped and couldn't be reset. An electrician could smell something burning and opened the cubicle doors. The cubicle emitted smoke, but no flames were seen. A further investigation revealed that the busbar plug had melted.	Mine operators must review the service life of all circuit breakers considering the operating conditions and clearance of fault conditions. Mine operators should also ensure workers are aware of procedures and competency requirements for the restoration of electrical protection. Mine operators should ensure that the electrical protection devices are rated for the application.

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<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0046591 Underground coal mine</p>	<p>A shuttle car had a leaking valve bank during night shift that was repaired. On the day shift, it was found to be leaking again during the prestart. A fitter isolated the shuttle car and was sprayed with hydraulic oil in the face and chest while removing the brake pressure solenoid. The fitter had oil in his left eye despite wearing safety glasses.</p> <p>The accumulator circuit pressure was not dissipated.</p> 	<p>Effective isolation and energy dissipation practices are critical risk controls when working with high pressure fluid systems. Mine risk assessments on hydraulic systems must identify and provide effective controls for areas where trapped fluid poses a hazard.</p> <p>Workers must be trained regularly in the isolation procedures for equipment they are tasked to operate, maintain, and repair on site.</p>
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0046563 Open cut coal mine</p>	<p>A light vehicle driver failed to obey stop signs at an intersection, resulting in a near miss with a haul truck.</p> <p>A review of hours worked found that the light vehicle driver's work hours did not comply with the rules as set out in the site's fatigue management plan.</p>	<p>Schedule 2, Section 1 of the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2022 includes the requirement that a health control plan must address control measures for minimising the risk that a worker will be impaired by fatigue.</p>

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Roads or other vehicle operating areas 		<p>Mine operators should include worker fatigue monitoring and response technology as a part of their fatigue risk analysis.</p> <p>Mine operators must continue to remind workers of the need to comply with a site’s road rules. There have been fatalities and multiple near misses in relation to heavy and light vehicle interactions and enforcement of transport rules must be a priority of all operators.</p>

Other Resources Regulator publications

- [Safety Bulletin SB24-01 Bulldozer incidents increase](#)

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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