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Weekly incident summary

Week ending 25 July 2025

This incident summary provides information on reportable incidents and safety advice for the NSW mining industry. To report an incident to the Resources Regulator: phone 1300 814 609 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

At a glance

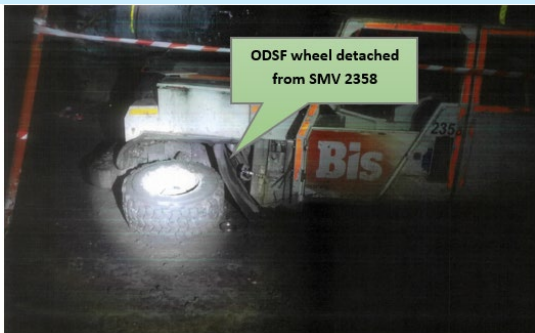


High level summary of emerging trends and our recommendations to operators.

Type	Number
Reportable incident total	42
Summarised incident total	3


Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0049513 Underground coal mine	<p>A SMV Driftrunner, dry hired, was operating underground when a mechanical failure occurred. The vehicle's front left wheel assembly suffered a structural failure and detached from the machine.</p> <p>The vehicle was moving slowly and had one person onboard, the operator.</p> <p>The detached wheel assembly remained contained within the vehicle's wheel arch, posing no further risk to surrounding workers or equipment.</p>	<p>Mine operators should thoroughly inspect critical joints and assemblies, especially following intrusive maintenance.</p> <p>When conducting a review of control measures after incidents, mine operators should verify that hazards identified are not present across other similar vehicles on site and update relevant procedures and training of maintenance personnel.</p>

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<p>Multiple dangerous incidents</p> <p>Surface and underground operations</p> <p>Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p> 	<p>Five separate heavy vehicle collisions occurred in the reportable period. In all instances, the vehicles were working within confined spaces such as underground roadways, surface dumps or load-out facilities. In all 5 instances, workers reported losing situational awareness of their surroundings while operating the vehicles.</p> <p>Key contributing factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted visibility and manoeuvring space. • Monotonous or repetitive tasks reducing alertness. • Distractions from radio communications or nearby activity. • Mental fatigue or tunnel vision during extended shifts. 	<p>Mine operators should consider a layered defence approach to help achieve safe operating states for mobile plant.</p> <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mine design and site standards • effective road conditions • organisational requirements • traffic management • potential for interactions between vehicles, pedestrians and fixed plant • operator requirements • assistance from technology • process to implement and maintain vehicle interaction controls. • fatigue management, and • situational awareness of operators.
<p>Dangerous incident</p> <p>IncNot0049494</p> <p>Underground metals mine</p>	<p>A cable bolt combi plate was found dislodged on the floor of the pump station by a pump fitter during routine day shift inspections. The plate was not present the previous day, and the area remained</p>	<p>Mine operators are recommended to undertake regular ground support inspections for water impacts and corrosion. Corrosion of ground support limits its effectiveness in protecting workers from falls of</p>

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	<p>unattended between blasting and discovery.</p> <p>Initial inspection by the shift supervisor confirmed the failure and severe corrosion of cable bolt strands behind the barrel and plate.</p> <p>It is believed that ground vibration from production firing in a stope, about 55 metres above, contributed to the failure. A subsequent inspection and evidence collection were carried out by the geotechnical engineer, with findings documented in a geotechnical event record.</p>	<p>ground and may need rehabilitation and secondary support installation. In areas where workers are on foot a system of inspection needs to be in place to identify corroded or damaged ground support, bagging mesh and loose ground support to ensure there is no risk of an object falling from height onto a worker.</p>
		

Other Resources Regulator publications

Two workers injured by catastrophic truck tyre failure

The Resources Regular has published an investigation report about the findings of an investigation into the injury of two workers when a catastrophic tyre failure incident occurred at Clovass Quarry, near Casino in the Northern Rivers of NSW on 8 February 2024.

The investigation determined that the catastrophic tyre failure occurred when the sidewall of the tyre failed and violently tore open while it was being inflated. The investigation found several factors contributed to workers being exposed to the risk of serious injury or death while inspecting and inflating tyres.

Read the [full report and recommendations \(PDF, 990.39 KB\)](#).

Regulator's compliance priorities published for July to December 2025

The Resources Regulator has published its Compliance Priorities for July to December 2025, establishing key compliance priorities for the next six months. These priorities are aimed at achieving ongoing safety and sustainability of the mining industry in NSW.

The compliance priorities for July to December 2025 include addressing the risk of conveyor fires in underground coal mines and underground emergency exits.

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For quarries, the Regulator will focus on the management of entanglement risks with rotating parts, principal hazard management plans and principal control plans.

The Regulator will continue its focus on implementing the regulatory framework to minimise the impact of mining on the environment, so mine rehabilitation benefits future generations. This will include undertaking targeted assessment programs for mine rehabilitation, which will include revegetation, landform establishment, and decommissioning.

The full [Compliance Priorities July to December 2025 report \(PDF, 727.71 KB\)](#) is available.

Note: While most 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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