

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 5 September 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	38
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0049744 Construction materials Roads or other vehicle operating areas	<p>An articulated truck was in the process of dumping material when the front wheels lifted off the ground, causing the cab to tip onto its side.</p> <p>Wet materials became stuck in the tray and slipped and hit the tailgate while the dump truck was moving forward.</p> <p>This caused the cab to lift off the ground and then spin as a result of the engine driving back through the tail shaft.</p> <p>The loading operator was not aware the material was too wet.</p> <p>The operator was able to exit the vehicle unaided and did not sustain any injuries.</p>	<p>The stability of articulated vehicles is a known risk that needs to be managed at mine sites. When developing control measures to deal with the risks associated with articulated trucks consideration should be given to factors such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• speed of operation• operating grades• uneven surfaces (holes, rocks, foreign material)• tipping of loads• hang-up of loads• movement of loads.



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		<p>Mine operators should consider the most appropriate truck type for the material being transported.</p> <p>The Resources Regulator has published a technical reference guide (TRG) to assist mine operators with developing their principal hazard management plan for roads or other vehicle operating areas.</p> <p>For further information refer to TRG: <u>Roads or other vehicle operating areas – principal hazard management plan for surface mining operations.</u></p>
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0049767 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas</p> 	<p>While constructing a haul road, a dozer overturned while reversing out of a slot. The operator was reversing and turning to move to an adjacent slot, which was on a lower level (about 1.6 metres).</p> <p>During the manoeuvre, the left track dropped over the edge causing the right track to lift and the dozer to slowly roll onto its side.</p> <p>The operator failed to identify the open edge while reversing.</p> <p>The operator was wearing a seatbelt and was uninjured.</p> 	<p>When developing risk assessments for dozer operations, mine operators should confirm that all reasonably foreseeable operating conditions and practices have been included and assessed.</p> <p>Ensure that the controls identified have been implemented, and they are monitored for effectiveness on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Operators should conduct pre-task inspections of work areas to identify and manage the hazards present. This practice must be monitored and confirmed by supervisors.</p> <p>Refer to the safety bulletin: <u>SB19-01 Rise in dozer incidents putting operators at risk.</u></p>

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High potential incident IncNot0049721 Underground metals mine Ground or strata failure	<p>A fall of ground occurred in an underground rehab stockpile.</p> <p>The incident occurred during a shift change and increased in length after the first observation to about 20 metres in length.</p> <p>Ground support had been damaged when using the area as a stockpile.</p> <p>No workers were in the vicinity at the time of the fall.</p>	<p>Mine operators are required to have a principal hazard management plan for ground or strata failure and to ensure that the plan is implemented as designed.</p> <p>Mine operators must ensure that regular inspections are undertaken to ensure that ground support is intact and undamaged. Where damage has occurred, remediation should be carried out as soon as possible, in particular where there is a risk of an egress being compromised.</p> <p>Refer to:</p> <p><u>NSW code of practice - Strata control in underground coal mines.</u></p>



Other Resources Regulator publications

Safety alert SA25-04 Electric shock from 11kV ethylene propylene rubber (EPR) insulated cable

A contract worker took oil samples on a 66kV/11kV transportable substation at an open-cut coal mine in the Hunter region on 23 June 2025. After taking a sample from the automatic tap changer, the worker repositioned and their arm made contact with the cable tray and cable sheath simultaneously, resulting in an electric shock.

[Read the full report and recommendations](#)

Investigation information release IIR25-07 Allegations raised over incident reporting and termination

The Resources Regulator received a complaint from a former worker alleging that in May 2025, they were involved in a near-miss incident involving 2 trucks. The worker alleges that after reporting the incident, the incident was disregarded during a subsequent safety meeting and internal discussions.

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Following the incident, the worker experienced anxiety, sleep disturbances, and increasing discomfort at work. The worker, who was on probation, alleges they were terminated without explanation.

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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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