

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 17 October 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 IncNot0050037 Surface operations Ground or strata failure 	A wall failure occurred above a sleeping shot at an open cut metalliferous mine. The failure occurred along a known geological fault line. It was a known high-risk area, having previously experienced a slip. Remediation work had been completed, including the removal of riled material and subsequent wall scaling. The failure was suspected to be related to the existing fault structure.	Mine operators must ensure that appropriate controls are in place (such as stand-off zones, catch benches, pre-shift inspection and work area design, remediation and scaling) to prevent workers (on foot and within vehicles) being exposed to the risk of failing high walls.

Weekly incident summary week ending 17 October 2025

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
High potential incident IncNot0050058 Underground coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas 	 While driving a specialised mine vehicle (SMV), the operator was hit with damaged rib mesh. The rib pulled off his glasses and scratched his right eye. The operator had a minor scratch to their eye and did not suffer a permanent eye injury. Rib mesh was damaged by equipment before the incident and the mesh was protruding into the roadway. The mesh entered the operator's cabin and hit the fitter in the face. The area of the damaged mesh was rectified immediately. The incident was communicated to the workforce, and a campaign of cleaning torn mesh was implemented.	This is a reminder of the foreseeable risk of broken mesh and ground support entering moving vehicles. Mine operators must ensure appropriate inspection and remediation arrangements are documented in their traffic management, ground support and inspection plans. Area supervisors and workers must ensure that damaged ground support is remediated as soon as reasonably practicable to prevent foreign objects entering moving vehicles.
High potential incident IncNot0050045 Surface coal mine	An electrician was implementing a high voltage access procedure. After closing 11 KV ABS (RF11 ABS 1) and proceeding to the associated recloser (RF 11 2REC 1), he heard arcing or crackling sounds, which were shortly followed by a loud explosion or bang. Protection devices upstream of the fault tripped immediately. At this time, an object was seen falling from the pole to the ground. The electrician saw the object was burning. The electrician retrieved a portable fire extinguisher from a light vehicle to extinguish the fire. The cause was a component failure due to an incorrect secondary termination.	The operator of a mine or petroleum site must manage risks to health and safety associated with electricity at the mine or petroleum site. In managing risks to health and safety associated with electricity, the operator must ensure that the electrical installation work at the surface is carried out in accordance with the wiring rules and before a circuit is first energised at the mine or petroleum site, or is first energised following the circuit being recommissioned the circuit is tested in accordance with the

Weekly incident summary week ending 17 October 2025

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
		wiring rules by a competent person.

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.

Weekly incident summary week ending 17 October 2025

© State of New South Wales through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development 2025. You may copy, distribute, display, download and otherwise freely deal with this publication for any purpose, provided that you attribute the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development 2025 as the owner. However, you must obtain permission if you wish to charge others for access to the publication (other than at cost); include the publication in advertising or a product for sale; modify the publication; or republish the publication on a website. You may freely link to the publication on a departmental website.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (October 2025) and may not be accurate, current or complete. The State of New South Wales (including the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development 2025), the author and the publisher take no responsibility, and will accept no liability, for the accuracy, currency, reliability or correctness of any information included in the document (including material provided by third parties). Readers should make their own inquiries and rely on their own advice when making decisions related to material contained in this publication.

Document control	
ISSN:	2982-1010 (online)
CM10 reference	D25/137323
Mine safety reference	ISR25-42
Date published	24 October 2025
Authorised by	Deputy Chief Inspector Office of the Chief Inspector