Weekly incident summary

Week ending 14 November 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	26
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0050176 Underground metals mine	A 4-tonne emulsion pod containing liquid ammonium nitrate fell from an integrated tool carrier (IT) and spilled its contents. The pod was sitting on tines attached to the IT and secured with a 6 mm chain. The IT was on a ramp leading into an underground decline when the operator braked because the second gear lock failed to hold and the IT slipped into third gear. The chain holding the emulsion pod failed and the pod slipped off the tines and rolled over, allowing emulsion to leak from the pod. There was no procedure/Job Safety Analysis (JSA) available for this task.	Mine operators must provide fit-for-purpose equipment suitable for the task being undertaken. This should include consideration of the terrain and loads being transported. Mine operators need to ensure that workers are trained and competent in the task being undertaken. Documented procedures providing step-by-step instructions for the task should be provided to workers. Supervisors should ensure that the approved procedures are followed.

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Dangerous incident IncNot0050184 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas 	A light vehicle (LV) was exiting a pit when its engine warning light came on. The LV operator pulled over to side of the haul road. Shortly afterwards, a haul truck following in the same direction saw the LV before rounding a bend towards it. The truck operator braked heavily and turned to the right, stopping about 16 m from the LV. There was no communication from the LV regarding its situation.  	As outlined in the Regulator's technical reference guide (TRG) for roads or other vehicle operating areas (ROVOA), a key element of a site's traffic management plan includes: Communication protocols - establishing clear communication procedures for operators, including radio protocols, visual signals, and emergency procedures. This is one step in a multi-layered approach to help mine operators and other duty holders comply with legislative requirements to avoid adverse vehicle interactions. To support the implementation of the TRG, a video has been created and is available here.
Dangerous incident IncNot0050197 Coal processing plant	A screen bowl centrifuge guard, weighing 4.6 kg, was damaged and ejected from its mounting position and travelled about 12 m across the screen bowl centrifuge flooring level into an accessible area.	Plant and equipment must be maintained in accordance with Work Health and Safety Regulation 2025 section 213

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	The cause of the incident was the failure of 3 out of 4 mounting bolts that held the torque arm strain gauge mounting bracket in position. The clutch was designed to disengage in high torque scenarios, however in this circumstance, the clutch did not disengage, loading up the bolted arrangement of the strain gauge mounting bracket, causing the bolts to fail.  	Maintenance and inspection of plant. Non-destructive testing (NDT) inspections should be scheduled at pre-determined intervals to minimise the risk of equipment failure.

Other Resources Regulator publications

- Safety Bulletin SB25-06 Unauthorised alterations, interference and failures – diesel engine systems

Accompanying video

- Safety bulletin SB25-06 Unauthorised alterations, interference and failures - diesel engine systems

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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