

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 19 June 2026

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	20
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous Incident IncNot0051528 Underground metals mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A worker sustained a fractured knee and a back injury when struck by a reversing delivery van. The injured worker was facing away from the van when it commenced reversing. The delivery van did not have a reversing alarm or reversing camera. The van had not been inducted into the site.	Mine operators are reminded of the need to follow introduction to site procedures to ensure vehicles coming onto the site meet the required standards. Any plant that is new to the mine must be verified as fit for the intended purpose and safe to use. Vehicle operators must be provided with any training, instruction and supervision necessary to ensure safe operation of their vehicle. As a minimum, delivery vans accessing the site should be equipped with a reversing beeper/alarm and a reversing camera that are tested and verified to be working as intended.

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Dangerous incident IncNot0051541 Open cut coal mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	Two 793 haul trucks driving at night narrowly avoided a collision at a T-intersection when one vehicle failed to give way to the other as per the site's road rules. The vehicles stopped about 4 m apart. The vehicle that failed to give way was travelling through the intersection at about 45 km/h. 	Mine operators should continually review the suitability of collision avoidance technology as it evolves and new products become available. Refer to Layers 3 and 7 of the layered defence approach in the Resources Regulator's technical reference guide: Surface ROVOA. Layer 3 focuses on operating procedures including road rules: specific guidelines for vehicle operation within the mine site. Layer 7 focuses on operator awareness. This layer aims to introduce technologies that provide information to enhance the ability to comprehend the immediate environment and understand potential hazards in the vicinity. For further information see the recently published safety alert and video: • SA26-04 Near miss between a haul truck and grader • SA26-04 video
Dangerous Incident IncNot0051547 Underground coal mine Ground or strata failure	A bench on a stockpile slumped under the left-hand track of a dozer while the operator was in the process of constructing a spiral ramp. The dozer was unable to recover from the slump under its own power and the operator had to be rescued from the dozer. 	Operators are reminded of the potential hazards associated with a dozer on a stockpile. Workers must be trained to operate dozers on stockpiles including being familiar with different coal properties and how this impacts material behaviour on stockpiles. Before starting work, supervisors and equipment operators should inspect and assess the work area to determine hazards. Planning for the work must include identification of hazards, risk assessment and control. For further information refer to: Technical Reference Guide: Stockpiles and reclaim tunnels

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Other publications of interest

These incidents are included for your review. The Resources Regulator does not endorse the findings or recommendations of these incidents. It is your legal duty to exercise due diligence to ensure the business complies with its work health and safety obligations.

Publication	Issue/topic
	International (fatal)
US Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)	INFO0012930 The US Mine Safety and Health Administration has released the final report into a fatality on 12 July 2025 where a truck driver died while hauling a load of water to the Pueblo Plant & Quarry mine. Details

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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