

# Weekly incident summary

## Week ending 14 August 2026

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

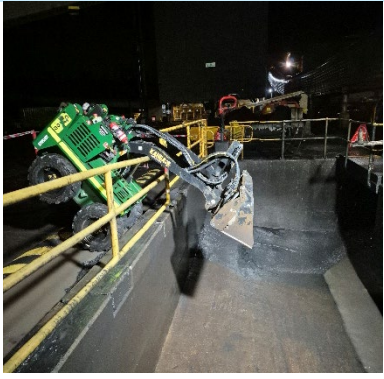
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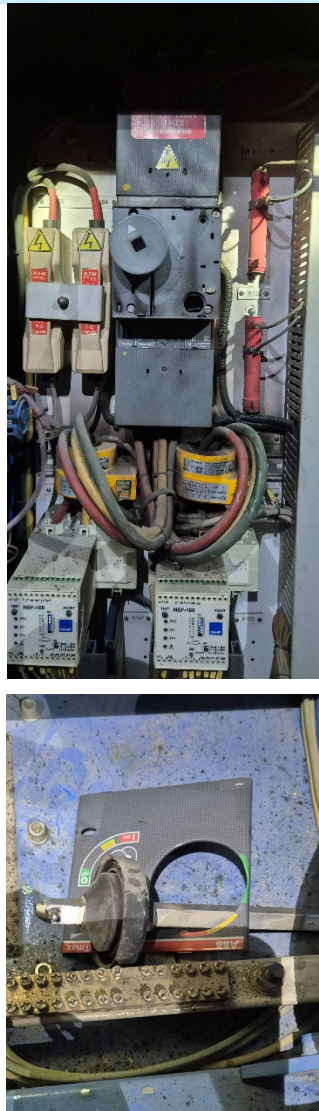
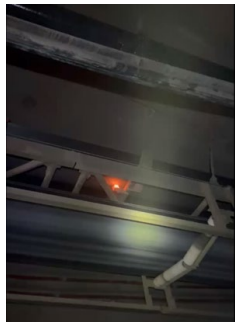
High level summary of emerging trends and our recommendations to operators.

| Type                      | Number |
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| Reportable incident total | 54     |
| Summarised incident total | 4      |

### Summarised incidents

| Incident type                                             | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Recommendations to industry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Dangerous Incident<br>IncNot0051821<br>Open cut coal mine | <p>An operator was using a mini loader to transfer magnetite to a bin. The weight of the magnetite in the bucket exceeded the maximum rating for the mini loader.</p> <p>When the bucket was raised, the centre of gravity changed, and the machine tipped forward coming to rest against the gate on the bin.</p> <p>The mini loader is not approved on site for loading magnetite. The task requires the use of an excavator or other suitably rated loading plant.</p> | <p>Mine operators must have a system in place to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>operators follow documented procedures for tasks and use only fit-for-purpose equipment for the task</li><li>the identification and use of fit-for-purpose equipment is completed and documented for every task</li><li>plant operators have a clear understanding about the operating limits of the plant and operate it within the manufacturer's recommendations.</li></ul> <p>If the correct equipment is unavailable, the task should not be performed until the proper equipment is sourced.</p> |

| Incident type                                                               | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Recommendations to industry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p>Dangerous incident<br/>IncNot0051817<br/>Underground<br/>metals mine</p> | <p>Two underground workers were exposed to Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) resulting in one worker vomiting.</p> <p>The cause of the exposure was an unintended ventilation backflow.</p> <p>A main ventilation fan was placed out-of-service following scheduled maintenance. Revised ventilation modelling was completed, and booster fans were placed at the bottom of the mine to assist with ventilation. The booster fans disturbed the SO<sub>2</sub> from the old workings of the mine.</p> | <p>Mine operators should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review, and where necessary, update the control measures for mining in and around sulphur dioxide gas.</li> <li>• consider the effects of ventilation changes across mine workings and put in place controls to prevent workers exposure to hazardous atmospheres</li> <li>• check and analyse alarms where gas detection is being used to monitor hazardous atmospheres, and implement controls before work continues</li> <li>• ensure PPE is worn when entering areas of known hazardous atmospheres until gas detection can be used to confirm the area is safe.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Dangerous Incident<br/>IncNot0051837<br/>Underground<br/>metals mine</p> | <p>An electrician was working on a 1,000V circuit associated with the access ventilation corridor when an arcing event occurred within the box that lasted about 2-3 seconds.</p> <p>An internal electrical failure of the 1,000V fan starter main switch during energisation, resulted in sustained electrical arcing within the enclosed starter.</p>                                                                                                                                              | <p>As part of an Electrical Engineering Control Plan (EECP), mines must consider the following matters when developing control measures to manage risks to health and safety associated with electricity in plant and installations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rating and design of plant for the prospective electrical fault level, electrical load, operating frequency, operating voltages and arc fault control.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need for reliable circuit interruption for all points in electrical distribution system at the mine or petroleum site when faults occur taking into account the operating time and tripping current of circuit protection devices.</li> </ul> <p>For further information refer to:<br/> <a href="#"><u>NSW code of practice Electrical engineering control plan</u></a></p>                                               |
| <p>Dangerous Incident<br/>IncNot0051820<br/>Underground<br/>metals<br/>Fire or explosion</p> | <p>A fire occurred on a conveyor idler underground. It was noticed by a maintenance technician who stopped and inspected the belt/idler. The technician retrieved a fire extinguisher from their light vehicle and extinguished the fire.</p>  | <p>Mine operators must have systems in place to undertake conveyor inspections and include actions to be taken where issues are identified. Inspections should include checks for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>accumulation of material that can present a fire risk</li> <li>contact between conveyor belts and structures</li> <li>tracking of belts</li> <li>effectiveness of belt wander switches</li> <li>defective conveyor rollers.</li> </ul> |

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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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