

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 11 September 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	22
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0052017 Opal mine	A worker was modifying an agitator in preparation for use at another puddling site. The work involved relining the bowl and altering the frame to improve the flow of silt during puddling operations. During the modification, two supporting chassis bars were cut. Although additional gusset plates had been installed to support the structure, they failed to hold the load as intended. When the final chassis rail was cut, the agitator bowl shifted approximately 150 mm (6 inches), crushing the worker's arm between the bowl and the frame cross member. The worker sustained serious injuries to the left arm below the elbow and required airlift evacuation to hospital.	Mine workers must ensure before commencing work that all stored energy sources within the work area are identified, and controls are implemented and verified to eliminate the risk of exposure. Where a risk cannot be eliminated, it is to be minimised in accordance with the hierarchy of controls.

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Dangerous incident IncNot0052005 Underground metals mine	A fitter was changing a die in a hydraulic hose crimping press. While undertaking the work while the machine was operational, he inadvertently activated the foot pedal which crushed his fingers in the press, resulting in significant hand and finger injuries. 	Mine workers must ensure machinery that can cause crushing injuries is switched off and isolated prior to undertaking maintenance work. Mine operators must ensure: - workers are trained and competent before undertaking work tasks, including the isolation procedures for plant they are working on. - an introduction to site process is implemented when bringing plant to site and suitable procedures are developed for operation and maintenance activities to control hazards and prevent incidents.
Dangerous incident IncNot0052009 Surface extractives mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas	A B-triple truck delivering limestone sand to site was involved in a single-vehicle rollover incident on the main access road into the mine. While travelling at approximately 80 km/h, the rear two trailers rolled onto their side and separated from the lead trailer and prime mover. No other vehicles were involved. Preliminary information suggests the incident may have been caused by trailer sway, with wind conditions and	Mine operators should review the layered defence model described in the Technical reference guide: Roads and other vehicle operating areas when designing their material supply and handling systems. Layer 1 focuses on site requirements including standards and mine roadway design. The mine ROVOA PHMP should provide adequate risk reduction by identifying and mitigating hazards and risks associated with design and maintenance of road surfaces.

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	soft road edges being considered a potential contributing factor. The prime mover and front trailer remained upright, while the second and third trailers overturned adjacent to the roadway. 	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.

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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