

Weekly incident summary

Week ending 2 October 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	18
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0052115 Underground metals and extractives mine Fire or explosion 	An uncontrolled explosion in a stope caused some damage to services and a ventilation bag at the draw point. The stope was being concussed with some emulsion in buckets at the end of shift to get material to move. The re-entry crew noticed damage upon re-entry and escalated it to their supervisor.	Mine operators should manage risks to health and safety arising from combustible dust. In the presence of an ignition source, sulphide dust can ignite and/or explode uncontrollably when it is at the right concentration. Mine operators should also: • identify geological settings likely to contain sulphides and other combustible dusts • identify processes that generate dust • identify sources of ignition • prepare combustible dust hazard maps • develop and implement processes or procedures to communicate combustible dust risk in a timely manner, and to manage risk effectively

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Dangerous incident IncNot0052127 Underground metals mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas 	A light-vehicle to light-vehicle head-on collision occurred on a single-lane decline before a mine portal. No injuries were reported and minor vehicle damage occurred. 	• identify, implement and monitor the effectiveness of the risk control measures • develop procedures for re-entry into the mine. This should include controls for the exposure of workers to potentially hazardous atmosphere. Mine operators should review the layered defence model described in the technical reference guide (TRG): Roads or other vehicle operating areas- principal hazard management plan for surface mining operations. • Layer 1 - Site requirements (equipment specification, standards, mine design and plans). • Layer 3 - Operating procedures (standard operating procedures, maintenance, road rules, quality control and lockout). Numerous incidents listing failure in positive communications as the root cause were reported to the Regulator. Where mine operators use positive communications, robust training and procedures must be implemented and radio channels should be monitored for compliance. <u>TRG: Roads or other vehicle operating areas – principal hazard management plan for surface mining operations</u>
Dangerous incident IncNot0052137 Underground metals and extractives mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas 	A light vehicle rolled and collided with another light vehicle at the bottom of a declining drive into the level. The vehicles were parked behind each other. No one was injured.	Mine operators should review controls for parking and securing vehicles on underground roadways, particularly in declining drives, ramps and areas where parked vehicles may be exposed to gradient-related movement. • Review and verify the effectiveness of brake systems and parking brakes on light vehicles operating underground. • Ensure pre-operational inspections include a functional test of service brakes and parking brakes, with

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		defects promptly reported and rectified. • Review parking procedures and ensure vehicles are parked in designated locations, clear of travel ways and away from areas where unintended vehicle movement could occur. • Implement controls for parking on gradients, including wheel chocks or other engineered controls where appropriate. • Verify that light vehicle operators are trained and assessed as competent in vehicle parking and isolation requirements. • Conduct periodic audits and inspections to confirm compliance with site parking standards.

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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