

Mine Safety

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

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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 and summarised in this report. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our Annual Performance Measures Reports.

Reportable incidents total

Level 1 incidents	 Level 2 incidents	Level 3 incidents
25	7	0

Note: Incidents are categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 according to the seriousness of the incident, with 3 being the most serious.

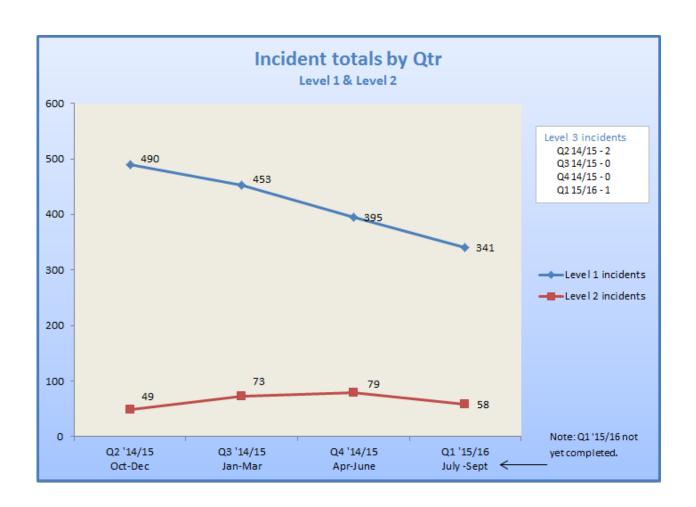
Injuries	Fatalities
8	0

Reportable incidents overview

Note: While all incidents are investigated, generally only level 2&3 incidents are summarised below.

Level	Incident type	Summary	Comment
2	Mech Equip 317655036001	Dozer operator's two-way radio failed when a dump truck was asked to reverse to a dump a load of coal, this lead to the loss of positive communication. Operator failed to maintain the required safe distance between vehicles operating on the ROM as per procedure.	Failure to comply with site communication procedures.
2	Strata/Ground Control 317655056001	Roof fall of an intersection which was previously bolted.	Investigation to be conducted as to the cause of roof failure. Bore scopes to be installed in other panel intersections as part of the investigation to determine strata control process.
2	Gas 317655054001	Ignition of flammable gas at the roof of a continuous miner operating the production face.	Reduced seam height and failure to follow frictional ignition procedures.
2	Electrical Energy	Dump truck struck overhead power lines.	Dump truck alarm inadequate for elevated tipping body.

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2	Electrical Energy 317655122001	A generator supplying a pug mill processing area caught fire. It appears the cable insulation was degraded and had sustained damage, possibly allowing water to enter and provide a conductive path and ignition point. Electrical maintenance procedures are to be reviewed.	Operator is reviewing and updating maintenance and inspection procedures for generators on site. Third party investigation report completed.	
2	Gas 317655088001	Goaf fall resulted in uncontrolled emission of high levels of methane into longwall.	Prohibition notice issued to mine, prohibiting mining in longwall panel. Investigation into incident and action to comply with prohibition notice completed.	
2	Injury 317655094001	A driller suffered a deep laceration to the palm of their hand when reinstalling the core barrel on a steeply inclined uphole.	Drill rig stood down until cleared by inspector. Procedure for safe operation was reviewed. Incident under investigation.	



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