

# Weekly incident summary

## Week ending 21 June 2024


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.

### At a glance



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

Type	Number
Reportable incident total	31
Summarised incident total	3



### Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0047092 Underground metals mine Roads or other vehicle operating areas 	<p>Two integrated tool carriers (ITCs) followed by a light vehicle, were tramping down a decline and pulled into a level access to give way to a truck travelling uphill.</p> <p>When the truck cleared the access, the second ITC began reversing out of the access and the rear counterweight collided with the driver’s door on the occupied light vehicle.</p> <p>The vehicle operator parked in a hazardous location behind the ITC and failed to make positive communications with ITC operator. The ITC operator did not use the reversing camera and failed to sound the horn before reversing.</p>	<p>Procedures for underground traffic management and light vehicle personnel carriers must be complied with. The Regulator recently carried out a targeted awareness campaign focused on the risk of collisions involving mining equipment. A Campaign video is available for training and tool-box talks.</p> <p>Plant operators are reminded that they must establish positive communications before entering the work area of other mobile plant. Workers must check the area behind their machines before reversing. Workers should use all aids such as mirrors, cameras and awareness systems that are fitted.</p>

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Incident type	Summary	Comments to industry
		
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0047098 Industrial minerals</p>	<p>An articulated tip truck carrying 24.6 tonnes of rock overturned while tipping its load. The truck was parked fundamentally stable when the incident occurred. The truck driver suffered minor abrasions.</p> 	<p>The risks associated with the rollover of mobile plant was the subject of a Regulator compliance priority program in 2018. Refer to the following outcome report for more information:</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Articulated truck rollovers and falls from mobile plant</u></a></p> <p>Refer to: <a href="#"><u>Safety Bulletin SB17-01 Industry reports more truck rollovers</u></a></p>
<p>Dangerous Incident IncNot0047118 Open cut coal Fire or explosion</p>	<p>An operator noticed sparks coming from the grid box of an oncoming truck and notified the driver who immediately called an emergency and hit the E-stop in the truck, then safely positioned positions 1 tyre against the windrow to make the truck fundamentally stable. The operator safely exited the truck via normal egress.</p>	<p>Mine operators should ensure stringent monitoring and quality control of maintenance and repair activities and also ensure risk control measures to prevent the occurrence of fires are implemented and remain effective. Inspection regimes and housekeeping standards should be routinely examined to ensure</p>

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	<p>A workshop maintenance worker opened the grid box cabinet and found there was no flame. A water cart sprayed the grid box for about 5 minutes to cool it down.</p> <p>A preliminary investigation shows the grids were aligned in incorrect positions.</p> 	<p>minimum standards are met or exceeded.</p> <p>AS 5062 Fire protection for mobile and transportable equipment provides guidance for mines. For more resources, refer to our webpage: <a href="#">Fires on mobile plant safety</a></p>

## Other publications of interest

The incidents are included for your review. The NSW 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
	<p><b>National (other, non-fatal)</b></p>
<p>WorkSafe Victoria</p>	<p><b>Victoria - \$400,000 fine for exposing workers to silica dust</b></p> <p>A mining company has been convicted and fined a total of \$400,000 for failing to protect workers from exposure to crystalline silica dust. Sibelco Pty Ltd was sentenced in the Wonthaggi Magistrates' Court today after pleading guilty to 2 charges of failing to provide or maintain plant or systems of work that were safe and without risks to health.</p> <p>The company was convicted and fined \$200,000 for each charge and also ordered to pay \$20,799 in costs. The court heard that Sibelco operated a Nyora sand quarry and mill that produced silica-based products, including silica flour, sand and gravel. Workers were required to manually operate a machine, which was different for each material, to fill and palletise 25-kilogram bags of product for transportation to customers. During the process of bagging silica flour, workers described plumes of silica dust escaping from the bags at head height and, on occasion, faulty bags bursting and leaving the machine operator covered in material. A number of workers were placed at risk by this process between 2012 and 2020, including two who have since been diagnosed with silicosis.</p> <p><a href="#">Details</a></p>

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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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