

WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 5 June 2020

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 incidents and our comments to Industry.

TYPE	NUMBER
Reportable incident total	56
Summarised incident total	2

Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	COMMENTS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0037487 Underground metals mine	<p>A crew was conducting a flush of a paste pipe reticulation system between levels.</p> <p>Upon inspection of the system at one level, there were no visible signs of the flush. Following confirmation from the paste plant that the pressure in the pipes had dropped from a peak of 350kPa to 60kPa, the crew confirmed with the paste plant that they wanted the pressure released from the system.</p> <p>The crew proceeded to another level to remove a blast cap for inspection, and while a crew member was undoing clamps on the pipe, the blast cap blew off. This released the built-up water pressure in the system. One worker</p>	<p>Relief valves should be installed at inspection points in reticulation systems to dissipate pressure before removing any caps from the system.</p> <p>Mine operators should review how workers and supervisors are trained to recognise the potential hazards associated with all energy sources. This is especially important when there is the potential for unexpected stored energy, associated with blockages, to be released without warning.</p>

reported temporary hearing loss from the incident. No other injuries were reported.



Dangerous
incident
IncNot0037506
Underground
coal



Fire or explosion

A mine worker saw a flash from a 1000 volt conveyor drive motor junction box. The electrical protection system activated and shut down the conveyor. There were no injuries.



This incident is being investigated and further information may be published at a later date.

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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