

Week ending 1 February 2019

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	25
Summarised incident total	3

Summarised incidents

Incident type	Summary	Recommendations to industry
Dangerous incident IncNot0033772	Two machines (a load haul dump truck [LHD] and a person transporter) were travelling outbye in convoy. Another LHD was travelling inbye and shunted off the road to allow the convoy to pass. When the LHD that was travelling outbye passed, the shunted machine pulled out of the cut through. The transporter stopped but it was hit by the LHD. None of the four workers in the transporter at the time of the incident were injured.	Mines must develop systems and procedures around vehicle interaction. This must identify how the use of positive communications with vehicle operators will be completed.
Dangerous incident IncNot0033750	While preparing to carry out maintenance on the site crushing plant screen an operator has suffered an electric shock from a 240-volt extension lead. The lead was being used to supply power to a portable Cigweld 240-volt/180-amp welder. The male plug was damaged by hot slag or metal from previous welding work.	Before using any equipment, operators should complete a pre-use inspection on all pieces of equipment to be used. Damaged equipment should be managed as per the mine's defect management system.

Serious injury
IncNot0033745

Three contract mineworkers were installing a set of ventilation doors underground. As the door was moved into position with a load haul dump (LHD), it slid forward on the forks. A worker's lower left leg was caught between the door and the door frame, resulting in a fracture to the tibia and fibula. The injured worker was transported to hospital.

Operators must identify the risk of loads shifting, especially when there is steel on steel contact. Loads should be appropriately secured and safe standing zones should be established before commencing work.

Other publications of note

These 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
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International (fatal)

MSHA in
MinEx NZ

Coal mine fatality – On 20 December 2018, a mobile bridge carrier operator was fatally injured while operating his detached, remote-controlled machine during the mining process. As the continuous haulage system pulled forward in preparation of mining, he was crushed between the coal rib and the No. 2 mobile bridge conveyor that was between both mobile bridge carriers.

[Details](#)

International (other, non-fatal)

Energy
safety
Canada in
MinEx NZ

Managing static electricity – Grounding and bonding
Safety bulletin issue # 26 – 2018

[Details](#)

National (other, non-fatal)

WA Mines
Department
(DMIRS)

Minimising dust generation during crushing, screening and conveying
Mines Safety bulletin No.157

[Details](#)

Inspection, testing, maintenance and use of fume cupboardsWA Mines
Department
(DMIRS)

Mines Safety bulletin No.158

[Details](#)**Preventing worker exposure to harmful gold room exhaust discharge**

Mines Safety bulletin No.159

[Details](#)

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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The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing. However, because of advances in knowledge, users are reminded of the need to ensure that information on which they rely is up to date and to check the currency of the information with the appropriate officer of NSW Department of Planning and Environment or the user's independent advisor.

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