

# WEEKLY INCIDENT SUMMARY

Week ending Friday 7 June 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	20
Summarised incident total	3

## Summarised incidents

INCIDENT TYPE	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATIONS TO INDUSTRY
Dangerous incident IncNot0034774	When a dayshift crew entered an underground coal mine at the start of their shift, a fall of ground was discovered in the main travel road. The emergency management procedure was immediately put into action to confirm that all dayshift and nightshift workers were accounted for. The site administration system indicated that no one would have been in the location at the time of the incident.	Mine operators should review the adequacy of their strata monitoring arrangements, particularly in areas where inspections are infrequent. Mine operators should have a robust system in place designed to provide information on the whereabouts of their workers and others underground.

<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0034783</p>	<p>A coal burst occurred in the tailgate road of a longwall panel on the block-side rib immediately outbye the cutting face.</p> <p>Remote mining was being conducted at the time and no workers were in the vicinity.</p>	<p>Mine operators must assess the risk of coal burst when determining the principle hazards on their mine sites. Where the risk of coal burst exist, mines must develop a principle hazard management plan that complies with clause 24 of the WHS (MPS) Regs 2014</p>
<p>Dangerous incident IncNot0034802</p>	<p>A mobile drill rig was being trammed to the mine surface for routine maintenance. An operator identified that the machine needed to be realigned towards the centre of the main decline. He put the vehicle into forward gear to reverse down the decline. The machine's engine had not dropped to idle and the brakes were not able to control the rate of travel back down the grade. The drill rig boom hit the sidewall of the decline. There were no injuries reported.</p>	<p>All plant must be fit-for-the purpose for which it being used. Mines must have thorough lifecycle management plans for all equipment including operation and maintenance and procedures for managing defects identified during operation.</p>

**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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