

Week ending 13 June 2018

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 | 47 |
| Summarised incident total | 6 |

Summarised incidents

| Incident type | Summary | Recommendations to industry |
|---|---|---|
| Dangerous incident SinNot-2018/00943 | <p>When a contractor released a pipe clamp on a charged 150mm airline, the valve kicked, striking him in the lip. He received six stitches.</p> <p>The compressor had been isolated, however the connection to the ring main had not been isolated.</p>  | <p>Workers should always verify their isolation by dissipating the energy and testing for dead before starting a task.</p> <p>Mine work authorisation systems should include details of the isolation requirements and provide the required information to allow the task to be carried out safely.</p> |

Dangerous incident
SinNot-2018/00927

A haul truck breached a windrow at a dump. The position 5 and 6 wheels breached the windrow and the operator only stopped when called by another operator. There was a 20m drop behind the windrow.



Detailed training and procedures should be provided to operators relevant to dump design and conditions at the mine.

Supervision should be in place to monitor worker understanding and compliance with procedures and training.

Dangerous incident
SinNot-2018/00925

A contractor was loading drill steels for a gas drainage onto a trailer when it tipped up. Two workers were next to the drill rig, away from the trailer.



Where the process of using a trailer or other load-carrying device can result in varying loads, controls should be in place to manage the risk of unbalanced, uneven and shifting loads.

Dangerous incident
SinNot-2018/00923

A haul truck made contact with a dozer. The haul truck was driven around to reverse in. The dozer operator identified the truck was not going to stop so started tramming clear. The ladder on the haul truck made contact with the

Following the release of safety bulletin [SB18-06 Lack of positive communications](#) incidents are continuing to occur from a failure of positive communication.

ripper on the dozer. Positive communications were not established.

Mines should review how the recommendations of this bulletin have been actioned and communicated to workers.

Serious injury
SinNot-2018/00916

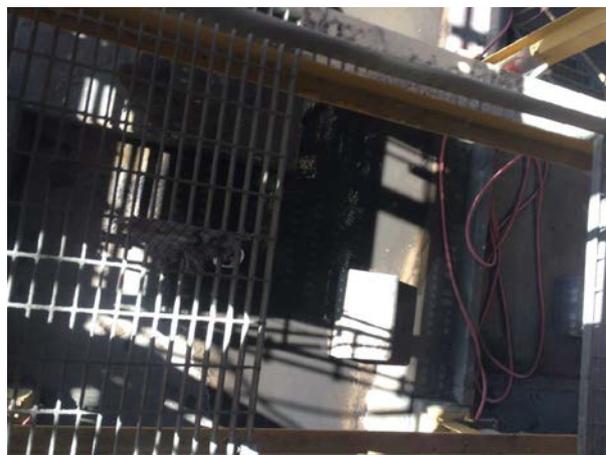
A deputy suffered a shoulder injury after a fall. He was climbing through wire mesh and brattice in the tailgate of a longwall when his belt snagged, causing him to lose his balance, striking his shoulder on a stone dust bag.



Where workers are expected to access an area, safe access and egress should be provided. It is reasonably foreseeable that a mine worker's belt or attachments could catch on wire mesh.

Serious injury
SinNot-2018/00903

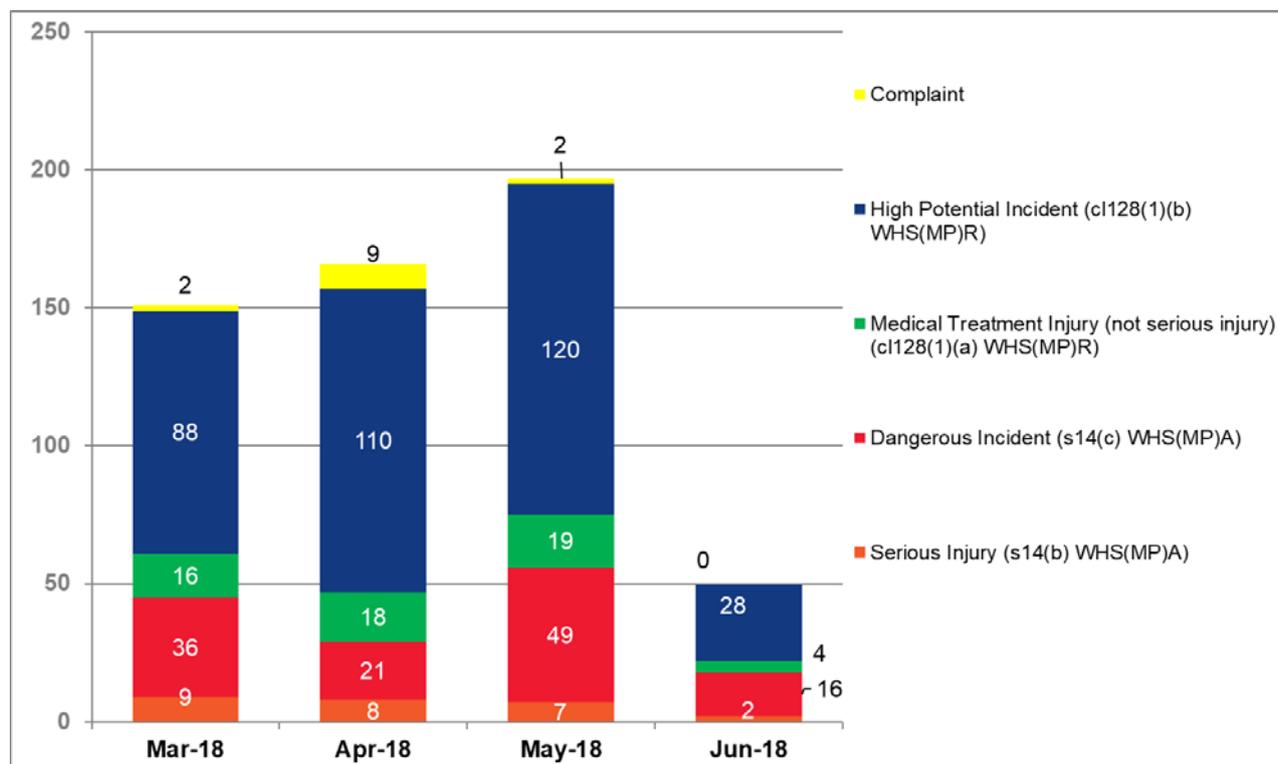
When walking through the coal preparation plant, a piece of grid mesh fell when a worker stepped on it. The worker caught himself and avoided falling to the floor below. He sustained a broken leg and strained shoulder.



Grid mesh and clips should be considered a part of structures.

The [code of practice: mechanical engineering control plan](#) details minimum requirements for the inspection and maintenance of structures.

Routine inspections should be included in the site maintenance management systems.



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.

Recent publications

- [Quarterly safety report](#)

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