

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

25 May 2016

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 and summarised in this report. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our [Annual Performance Measures Reports](#).

Reportable incidents total

Level 1 incidents	→	Level 2 incidents	→	Level 3 incidents
33		5		0

Note: Incidents are categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 according to the seriousness of the incident, with 3 being the most serious.

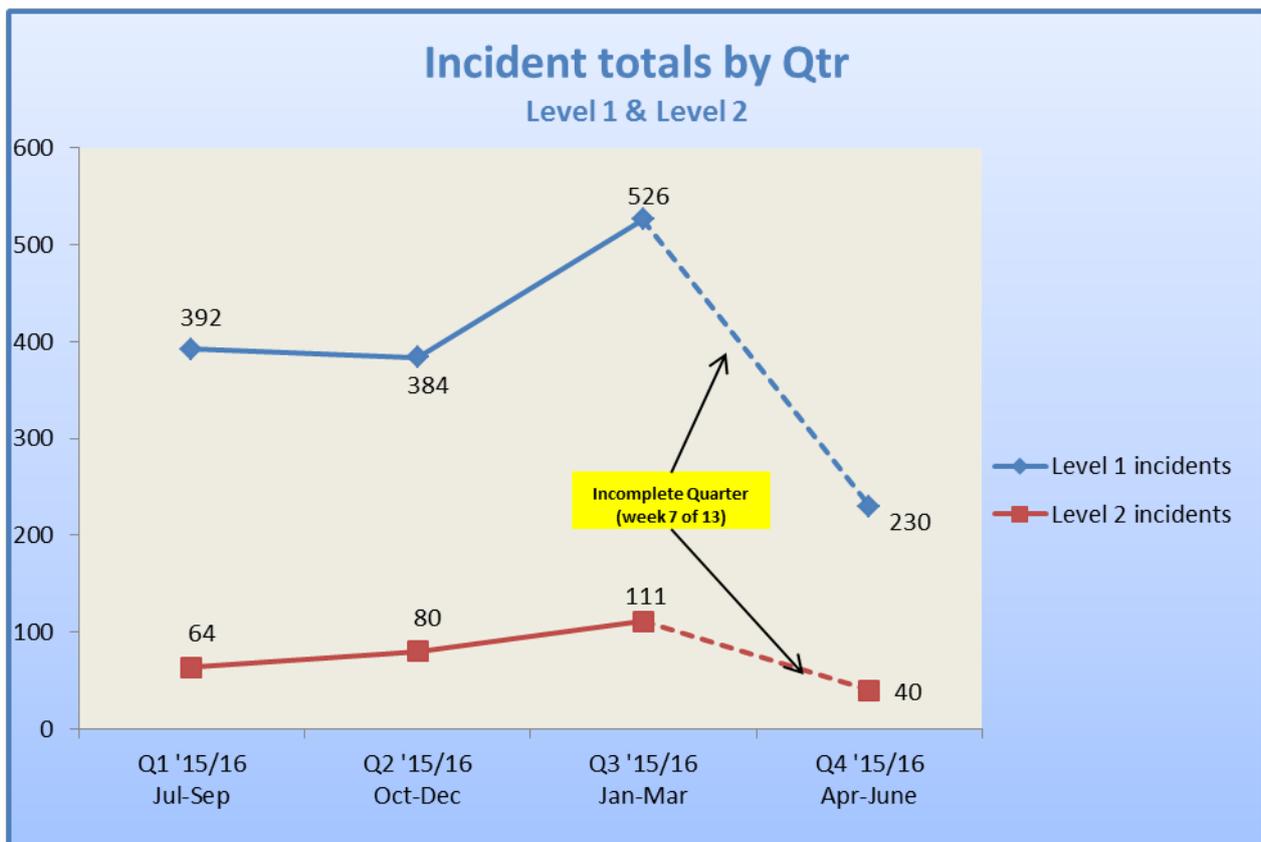
Injuries	Fatalities
3	0

Reportable incidents overview

Note: While all incidents are investigated, generally only level 2 and 3 incidents are summarised below.

Level	Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
2	Fire 317660899001	<p>A flat return roller on a steel core surface belt failed and caused the outer lagging of the return roller to catch fire.</p> <p>The roller had been replaced with a non-identical replacement roller and had been in service for only 4 weeks before the incident.</p>	<p>Where non identical rollers are used to replace failed rollers the mine operator needs to be satisfied the replacement rollers are capable of performing equally to the original specified roller.</p> <p>Where a change has taken place, a change management review needs to be undertaken to ensure any additional hazards have been identified together with appropriate risk controls.</p> <p>The long term storage of spare rollers needs to provide protection from environmental elements, such as heat, cold, rain, in some instances snow/ice as well as ultra violet light.</p>
1	Fall of item 317660905001	<p>A 15kg underpan from a conveyor fell three metres to a walkway below. No people were in the vicinity at the time.</p>	<p>Corrosion of conveyor components and the fastening of those components should be included in routine maintenance tasks.</p> <p>Regular structural audits of conveyor systems would also assist in identifying the onset of corrosion.</p>

Level	Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
2	Escape of pressurised fluid 317660930001	A worker received an oil spray from a miner-mounted roof bolting drill rig when the left hand supply hose ruptured during a normal bolting process.	Routine hose maintenance inspections should include a condition assessment of hoses with particular focus on wear, impact and squashing between the equipment.
2	Blasting complaint 317660928001	Complaint from a local resident regarding blasting in a nearby pit without notification to resident.	The department has a duty to investigate all complaints reported by the public. Blasting must only be undertaken by competent operators and the mine manager must also have the competency to manage blasting contractors and develop appropriate risk management controls. The mine also breached its DA and environmental conditions and is under investigation by other relevant regulators.
2	Loss of control 317660950001	A dump truck wheel chock projected approx. 23m when the truck commenced reversing off workshop apron after servicing. Two people were about 3m outside the line of fire.	Mines should maintain clean truck servicing locations. Prestart inspections after servicing should be reinforced including a general walk-around machine by the driver.



Recent incident publications

No recent incident publications published

You can find all our incident related publications (i.e. safety alerts, safety bulletins, incident information releases, weekly incident summaries and investigation reports) on our [website](#).

Further information

Should you wish to seek further information, please contact one of our offices:

COAL (NORTH) and EAST METEX

Maitland

NSW Department of Industry
Mineral Resources
516 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320
(PO Box 344, Hunter Region MC
NSW 2310)
T 1300 736 122 or 02 4931 6666
F 02 4931 6790
E mine.safety@industry.nsw.gov.au

COAL (SOUTH)

Wollongong

NSW Department of Industry
State Government Offices
Level 3, Block F, 84 Crown Street,
Wollongong NSW 2500
(PO Box 674, Wollongong NSW 2520)
T 02 4222 8333
F 02 4226 3851

WEST METEX

Orange

NSW Department of Industry
161 Kite Street, Orange NSW 2800
(Locked Bag 21, Orange NSW 2800)
T 02 6360 5333
F 02 6360 5363
After hours – emergency only 02 6360 5343

© State of New South Wales through the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development 2015. You may copy, distribute and otherwise freely deal with this publication for any purpose, provided that you attribute the NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development as the owner.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing (May 2016). However, because of advances in knowledge, users are reminded of the need to ensure that information upon which they rely is up to date and to check currency of the information with the appropriate officer of the NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development or the user's independent advisor.