

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS | WHS MINES LEGISLATION

Weekly incident summary

16 November 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. For more comprehensive statistical data refer to our [Annual Performance Measures Reports](#).

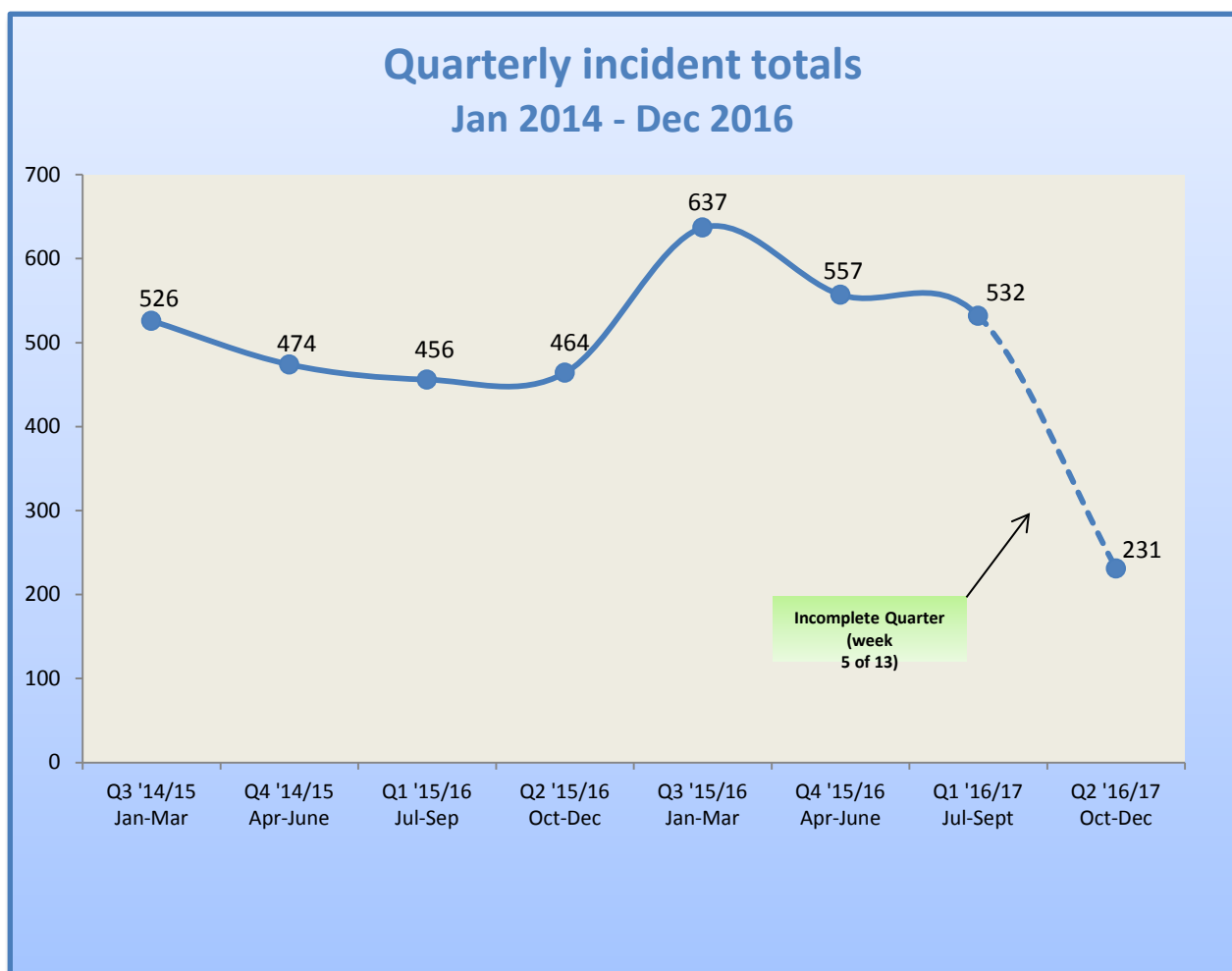
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Reportable incidents total: 47 Summarised incidents: 4

Summarised incidents – incidents of note for which operators should consider the comments provided and determine if action needs to be taken.

Incident type	Summary	Comment to industry
High potential incident SInNot 2016/00756	Multiple methane exceedances have been reported at the longwall bleeder monitoring point during falling barometer. The maximum detected methane reading was 3.53%. There were no workers or machines in this area the time of the incident. No production-related activities were being undertaken at the time.	Mines that are subject to elevated methane readings in accessible roadways during a barometric change should review ventilation control measures. Ventilation control measures should be designed to limit methane below statutory limits.
Serious injury SInNot 2016/00805	An operator suffered a serious injury to his left hand. The operator's hand was caught in the mechanism while cleaning a grout pump.	Mine operators should reinforce the need for appropriate isolation of hydraulic power sources prior to the removal of any guard. Refer AS 4024 part 1, Safety Bulletin SB12-03 and MDG 40. Mines should also review arrangement for hydraulic control levers and guarding against inadvertent activation.
Complaint SInNot 2016/00729	The department has received a complaint in which the complainant alleged they were subjected to abusive, insulting or offensive language or comments.	The complaint is being investigated by the department. Information on bullying and harassment is available on our website at: http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/safety-and-health/topics/bullying-in-the-workplace SafeWork Australia also publishes guides to preventing and responding to workplace bullying and a worker's guide to dealing with bullying. See their website for more details: www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au

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Dangerous incident SInNot 2016/00725	A dump truck with the tub left in the raised position travelled underneath a conveyor on a roadway. The tub collided with the conveyor, causing significant damage to the conveyor. The truck was not damaged and nobody was injured. Initial incident investigation by the mine suggested operator error may be a contributing factor.	<p>Mine operators should identify and eliminate potential situations where mobile equipment passes beneath structures.</p> <p>Where this is not possible, risks should be mitigated through appropriate warning devices and interlocks when truck trays are in the raised position. Refer to MDG 15 and SA04-03 Dump truck trays hit overhead structures.</p> <p>Traffic management plans and procedures should be reviewed on a regular basis. Refer to Safety Bulletin SB15-05.</p>



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