

Resources Safety and Health Newsflash

An early report about an incident that may require action at your mine

CMW Hit in Face by Springing Steel Plate

A coal mine worker was removing a steel plate from a rear dump truck tray using air arc gouging tools. The plate (approx. 100mm wide by 1800mm long) has released in an uncontrolled manner, springing approximately 500mm hitting the coal mine worker in the face.



Re-enactment of incident showing sprung plate

It is recommended that:

- Mines review all Safety and Health Management System procedures related to the removal and / or replacement of liner / wear plates on earthmoving equipment to ensure the level of risk is at an acceptable level.
- In reviewing the SHMS items such as supervision, recognition and understanding of the task risks and the implementation of appropriate stop and hold points in procedures should be considered.

This incident appears to have many similarities to that which resulted in a fatality in August 2017. At that time all coal mines were issued with a directive to review aspects of the SHMS related to this type of work. Mines should review the adequacy of procedures and their effectiveness in controlling risk.

Safety Newsflashes Purpose

1. Draw attention to the occurrence of a serious incident(s) in the mining industry
 2. Increase Risk awareness
 3. Promote mines to examine and check that their controls are adequate
- The investigations are ongoing and further information may be published as it becomes available. The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and understanding at the time of writing.

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