

Serious accidents and high potential incidents – September 2015

In the past several weeks, there have been a number of open cut coal high potential incidents that fortunately resulted in no serious injuries or fatalities. This incident summary aims to make mine workers aware of these and to remind SSE's to review whether they have adequate controls to prevent similar events at their mines.

The photos and descriptions show that these incidents could have had far greater consequences.



LV Rollover – Contractor OCE apparently blacked out on dayshift - investigation still in progress



Walked off top bench

Excavator topples whilst walking on poorly prepped access

Cat 793 Trucks Near misses at intersection -

A 793 rear dump truck was stopped at a stop sign and was intending to cross the main haul road to enter the main coal Go Line (northern side) at the end of the shift. The truck at the stop sign looked for oncoming traffic and then proceeded to cross the main haul road. Half way across the road the operator noticed an oncoming truck approaching from the left hand side and brought the truck to a stop near the centre of the road to avoid a possible collision. The oncoming truck accelerated and passed directly in front of the truck that was now stopped.

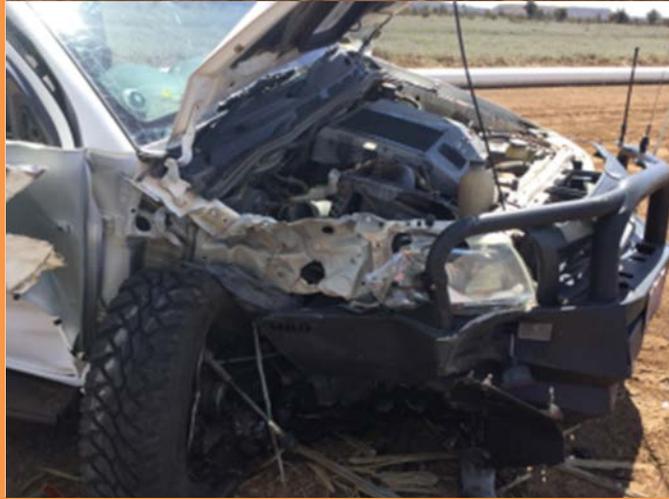
Blast guard in wrong position – within exclusion zone

After firing a Prestrip shot, the Blast Sweeper identified flyrock in close proximity to the Blast Guard position. The Blast Guard was positioned at a misfire cone, which was 317m from the shot and within the 800m blast exclusion zone.

A separate safety alert will be issued after the investigation is complete.



Contractor doing pipeline inspections in light vehicle hits a power pole



Nose to tail Rear dumps - Queued truck hit by second truck (still under investigation)



Highwall Failure – occurs whilst operators are at crib.



