

October 2016 Compliance Activity Report



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SafeWork SA

Mining

This report covers people working in mines and quarries as well as on oil and gas wells and in mining support activities such as exploration.

SafeWork SA mining inspectors are focussed on ensuring work health and safety and public safety standards are met with appropriate action taken as breaches of laws are detected.

Inspectors responded to a number of incidents in October including:

- the inrush release of around 100m³ from an apron feeder
- an uncontrolled reverse roll of a loader before the operator returned to the cabin and activated the emergency brake

- damage to a lighting plant stabiliser leg in a waste dump after a dozer inadvertently reversed and hit it
- a misfire that occurred while an operator was drilling stripping holes which initiated and ejected rock
- fire in the engine bay of a shotcrete machine after the starter motor continued to turn over despite the ignition being in the off position
- fire in an accommodation block leading to the re-enforcement of smoking restrictions on site.

Report work health and safety issues to SafeWork SA on 1300 365 255 or help.safework@sa.gov.au.

