

Dangerous incident | IncNot 0036106

Summary: An electrical fire occurred behind the dashboard of a haul truck. Performance testing was being conducted using an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) provided data logger. The data logger was installed in the dashboard and wrapped in a protective cloth bag. The driver could smell something burning and on inspection of the dashboard, he found the bag smouldering.

The OEM investigated the incident and identified that the data logger had moved causing a short circuit and the smouldering. The driver extinguished the fire and there were no injuries.



Recommendations to industry: Whenever tests are being conducted to plant, a risk assessment must be completed to identify if any hazards are being introduced. This should be completed as part of the change management process.