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Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported April 8th to April 14th, 2024

1. **Surface Blasting Explosives:** While digging, an excavator exposed a legacy primer.
2. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A mechanic was checking on a haul truck oil leak when they discovered a fire. The onboard fire suppression system deployed, and several fire extinguishers were used.
3. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck operator noticed smoke coming from the grid box. Mine rescue attended and extinguished the fire.
4. **Underground Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A mechanic arrived on site where a machine operator was changing a part on their machine. The mechanic exited their vehicle which rolled forward and pinned the operator between the machine and the vehicle, resulting in a leg laceration. Mine rescue responded, transferring the worker to BC Ambulance Service, and then to the hospital.
5. **Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** A loaded haul truck was travelling to dump when the axle failed, causing the rear driver's side tires to dislodge from the truck.
6. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A rock truck operator used a loader to load their truck, and their unoccupied truck unexpectedly travelled 15 metres, and contacted a shipping container.
7. **Surface Blasting Explosives:** An undetonated primer was found while excavating a pattern.
8. **Surface Blasting Explosives:** A legacy booster was found in a free dig area.
9. **Surface Environmental Hazardous Environmental Conditions:** Workers experienced skin and respirator irritation after cleaning sludge from a tank at the on-site water treatment facility. Samples were sent to identify the cause of the irritant.

Comments: Onboard vehicle braking systems may fail without warning. Ensure secondary methods are used, such as wheel chocks, to reduce risk of unexpected movement when machines are parked on uneven ground.