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Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of February 15 to 21, 2021

#1 Underground Fire: Smoke was detected in the mine. Stench gas was released into the ventilation and compressed air systems. The mine rescue team was mobilized and evacuated all employees that were underground. There were no injuries.

#2 Surface Mobile Equipment: While turning onto a haul road intersection, a pick-up truck lost control and struck the rear outer tire of a haul truck. The pick-up truck bounced backwards and came to a stop against the berm on the opposite side of the intersection. The driver of the pick-up truck suffered minor injuries.

#3 Surface Mobile Equipment: A haul truck tipped onto its right side while dumping material onto a live dump pile. There were no injuries.

#4 Underground Ventilation: Periodic power outages caused unplanned stoppages of the main underground ventilation system.

Comments:

Pursuant to Part 6 of the Code:

- The manager shall ensure the preparation and maintenance of a plan, consistent with good engineering practice for dumps, stockpiles, roads, or ramps that are to be constructed as part of a dumping operation. The plan shall include monitoring for safety.
- A dump or stockpile area on the surface of a mine shall be examined by either the open pit shiftboss or a qualified person:
 - before material is permitted to be dumped
 - at intervals of not more than 4 hours during dumping, and
 - communicate verbally any abnormal or hazardous conditions to the dump person.