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Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences

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

#1 Surface Mobile Equipment: An empty haul truck traveling downhill slid sideways hitting a berm on the opposite side of the road. Damage was done to the front boarding ladder and the emergency ladder. There were no injuries.

#2 Surface Geotechnical: Weathered rocks broke off a highwall from a height of 12 m landing on a catchment berm. One of the rocks (sized 0.5 X 1 m) slid downside (~2 m) off the berm landing on the side of a haul road.

#3 Surface Maintenance: A propane feed line on the exterior of a warehouse was damaged during snow plowing. The break was identified by a propane odour inside the warehouse. The propane was shut off and locked out by a licenced gas fitter. There were no injuries.

Comments:

- Ensure all catchment berms are no less than 8 m in width.
- Do not allow loose rock and soil to accumulate on a bench or catchment berm in a manner that endangers any person working on a lower bench.
- Develop safe working procedures where loose rock accumulates and where access cannot be gained to clean the catchment berm and a danger exists to a person working below.
- Exercise extreme caution when working around highwalls in spring conditions.