

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

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 April 5 to April 11, 2021

#1 Surface Mobile Equipment: A loader bucket and knuckle contacted the side of a haul truck box causing minor damage. There were no injuries.

#2 Surface Blasting: A marked misfire was graded over by a dozer.

#3 Surface Blasting: An excavator operator found a primer in their work area. The primer was removed by the lead blaster and the area was barricaded and inspected.

#4 Surface Maintenance: A loader operator clearing snow contacted a fire water pipe which then slid forward and sheared a propane line. Workers were evacuated after noticing a gas odour and discovering a damaged pipe.

Comments:

Supervision by a Competent Person

• Code s.8.4.1 (1) only a person authorized by the manager, shall remove explosives from a magazine and transport them to a workplace, and such a transfer shall be made without undue delay.

Transporting Explosives

- Code s.8.3.8 explosives and detonators:
 - (1) shall be carried or transported in the manner prescribed in the code, and
 - (2) if not used, shall be returned to the magazine or storage box, and shall not be hidden in or about the mine.