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# Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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## Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of June 14 to June 20, 2021

**#1 Surface Maintenance:** A new electrical strut channel was being fabricated and installed above tanks holding flammable liquids when a fire started under the tanks. The workers extinguished the fire, and mine emergency response personnel extinguished hot spots on the beams and inside the ceiling above the tanks.

**#2 Underground Infrastructure:** Three sets of timber in a portal failed, making access to the portal unsafe. Fine material accumulated inside a portal door, pushing the doors outward and preventing them from closing properly. Subsequently, blocking off the flow of water in a discharge pipe.

### **Comments:**

When working in areas with hazardous dust, use all fire safety measures available.

Hazardous Dust Code s.2.3.5:

In a building where dust or other material could by becoming airborne cause a hazard by restricting vision, or could cause a fire or explosion or be potentially hazardous if inhaled or ingested, it shall without delay,

- be removed by suitable means such as vacuuming
- wet sweeping, or wet shoveling,
- or be suppressed

Mine rescue teams should also be prepared to respond to emergencies involving electricity, including proper equipment, and training.