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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 July 5 to 11, 2021

#1 Surface Mobile Equipment: After placing an incinerator on a freshly prepared pad and exiting the area, an excavator rolled onto its side after the ground sloughed away on the right-side of the machine. The operator attempted to swing the bucket to prevent the machine from sliding; however, the machine continued to slide and roll onto its side. The operator was able to climb out of the machine. No injuries were reported.

#2 Working at Height: A worker was checking on piping when they stepped on floor grating beside the piping, approximately 25 feet high, and the floor grating gave away. The worker was able to stop themselves from falling through the hole in the floor grating by grabbing a cable tray next to the worker. No injuries were reported.

#3 Surface Mobile Equipment: A dozer was tasked with building up berms on a mine road. While building up the berms in a switchback, large rocks, approximately 5x3 feet, rolled onto a forestry road 20 metres below. The forestry road was inactive at the time, and no injuries were reported.

#4 Underground Mobile Equipment: A haul truck was operating underground, and when it arrived on the surface, the haul truck operator noticed flames coming from the engine compartment. The operator was able to pull the haul truck into the wash bay and extinguish the fire with the wash bay hose. No injuries were reported.

#5 Geotechnical: A wall above the main portal of an underground mine collapsed due to heavy water saturation. Most of the material from the collapsed wall was contained by a geotechnical berm; however, some overflow material reached the portal sets. The main portal was underwater at the time of the collapse because of extremely high spring run-off. No workers were within 100 metres of the wall at the time of the incident.

Comments:

Ensuring workers have safe working platforms is critical to the health and safety of workers working at height. Ensure platforms, including floor grating, are safe for use, maintained, and in good condition. Platforms should be inspected regularly. Where a worker is exposed to the risk of falling more than three metres, a fall arresting device must be used.