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Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of July 26 to August 1, 2021

#1 Surface Drilling: A helicopter was being utilized to long line a drill rig motor to a hydraulic powerpack on a drill pad. A worker on the ground slipped, causing their arm to be pinched between the powerpack and the motor. The work subsequently fell two meters off the drill pad's deck. The worker was treated onsite and was transported to hospital. The worker suffered severe bruising and swelling.

#2 Underground Geotechnical: While entering underground to start their daily tasks, a crew noticed that their planned travel route was blocked by a fall of ground. The area was immediately taped off, and they returned to the surface for further instruction.

#3 Surface Mobile Equipment: While operating an articulating haul truck, the operator attempted to pull over on uneven ground, causing the unit's box to turn over on its side. No injuries were reported.

#4 Surface Mobile Equipment: The operator of a loaded haul truck fell asleep, causing the haul truck to leave the main haul path and run over the cable of a nearby shovel. The truck came to a stop approximately 30 meters beyond the cable. The cable was damaged; however no injuries were reported.

#5 Surface Mobile Equipment: A worker was using an excavator to build a drill pad site approximately 136 meters above another work crew. Workers below the excavator heard crashing in the trees above them and evacuated immediately. Upon return, large boulders were found on the lower drill pad. No injuries were reported.

Comments:

Workers need to be aware of their surroundings at all times. A pre-job discussion, "toolbox talk," "take five," or field level risk assessment provides an opportunity for workers to recognize hazards that may be encountered on-site and to discuss controls that will help make the work safer.