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Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of August 2 to 8, 2021

#1 Underground Explosives: While performing a safety inspection in the main underground shop, a mechanic, also a health and safety committee member noticed that a powder truck, which was carrying powder, caps and detonation cord reels, was parked beside the welding bay. The welding bay was barricaded with “danger” tape and a sign informing workers not to use torches, welders or create any flame or ignition source.

#2 Surface Mobile Equipment: While a mechanic was servicing a haul truck’s parking brake, the mechanic released the parking brake’s hydraulic pressure, causing the haul truck to roll back and strike a service truck. No injuries were reported.

#3 Surface Mobile Equipment: A haul truck caught fire while in operation. The fire suppression system was successfully deployed, and the emergency response team responded. No injuries were reported.

Comments:

Monthly workplace inspections are an important part of establishing a strong health and safety culture. Take the time, while on inspection, to look for hazards that could severely impact the health and safety of workers at your mine site. Although the joint occupational safety committee conducts workplace inspections, all workers should be encouraged to report unsafe working conditions.