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# Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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## Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of August 9 to 15, 2021

**#1 Surface Explosion:** An explosion occurred in a dryer after the chute was plugged, causing the burners to trip. Deluge water was applied for 60 seconds; however, after a few minutes, there was an explosion in the upper plenum of the drier. The explosion was released through the blast doors. No injuries were reported.

**#2 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A dozer operator was spotting trucks on the upper pad; however, the dozer operator had to take care of another task. A rock truck operator continued to reverse without a spotter. Subsequently, the rock truck missed the ramp while reversing and drove up the berm, causing the truck's box to tip on its side. No injuries were reported.

**#3 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck caught fire while in operation. The operator was notified over the radio that their unit was on fire. The operator immediately exited the cab of the haul truck. Two workers attempted to extinguish the flames. However, they were unsuccessful and retreated to a muster zone. The local fire department was called and put out the fire, which was contained to the cab area. The fire is believed to have been caused by leaking hydraulic oil contacting the exhaust system. All safety protocols were followed, and no injuries were reported.

### **Comments:**

Establishing emergency response procedures that outline roles, responsibilities, and provide instruction is critical to mineworkers' health and safety. Ensure your mine emergency response plan is regularly reviewed and revised as necessary. If your mine does not require mine rescue capabilities, speak with your local emergency responders to ensure they are knowledgeable of your operation and prepared to adequately respond to an emergency at your site.