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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 August 16 to 22, 2021

#1 Underground Mobile Equipment: While operating underground, a haul truck operator noticed smoke coming from the engine compartment. The operator stopped the haul truck and found sparks and small flames coming from the alternator. The operator extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher. The machine was monitored to ensure the fire was out and tagged out of service. No injuries were reported.

#2 Surface Mobile Equipment: A security vehicle was patrolling the site and lost control while travelling downhill on the main road. The vehicle's front right tire caught the ditch, causing the vehicle to roll onto its right side in the ditch. The driver was wearing a seatbelt, and no injuries were reported.

#3 Surface Operation: A small fire broke out in the mill; a mill worker extinguished the fire and locked the circuit. No injuries were reported.

#4 Surface Maintenance: A worker was pressure washing rock material in the mill. Upon refuelling the pressure washer, fuel splashed on the exhaust, causing the fuel to ignite. The worker extinguished the fire with a nearby fire extinguisher. No injuries were reported.

#5 Underground Mobile Equipment: A worker was attempting to drive a small diesel UTV up the ramp to exit the mine; however, the UTV was bogging down. On the third attempt, the UTV didn't make it up the ramp, and the vehicle began to freewheel in reverse. The driver attempted to steer the UTV into the wall to stop it; however, it overturned before hitting the wall, trapping the driver's foot between the rollbar and the ground. The passenger was able to get out the passenger door and call for help. Workers lifted the UTV enough to free the driver's foot, allowing the driver to exit the passenger door.

Comments:

Fire extinguishers must be accessible and in good working condition; ensure fire extinguishers are inspected and serviced regularly.