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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 22nd to 28th, 2022

1. **Underground Ventilation:** A power outage led to an unexpected stoppage of ventilation.
2. **Underground Ventilation:** A generator issue resulted in a power outage and an unexpected stoppage of ventilation.
3. **Surface Operations:** While attempting to dislodge material from inside a drill rod tool, one end dislodged and a drill rod from the stack hit the worker's arm and upper neck/jaw. The worker was taken to hospital.
4. **Surface Operations:** A worker was receiving a bundle of drill rods (sling load from helicopter) when the rods unexpectedly swung pinching their hand between the rods and the drill shack frame.
5. **Surface Maintenance:** While conducting maintenance, a worker climbed down onto a roof and fell through it, hitting the side of a cylindrical tank and landing on the floor.
6. **Underground Operations:** A diamond drill operator attempted to straighten a wire line near the feeder hole of the drill when the wire line drum started to rotate. The operator's glove and hand became caught in the wire line pulling their hand towards the sheave resulting in the partial severing of four fingers.
7. **Surface Operations:** A fire on the head frame of a drill mast assembly.

Comments:

Ensure adequate lock-out and tag out, including de-energization and dissipation of stored energy. This will prevent the unexpected release of hazardous energy such as electrical, and mechanical or gravitational potential energy.