



Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of October 4 to 10, 2021

#1 Rockfall: A 12-meter square section of road was covered with baseball-sized rock that came down from the quarry bench above. While a worker was sweeping the road, another rock came down and struck the worker's pick-up truck parked on the road ahead of the debris. The rock caused a small dent in the pick-up's door.

#2 Surface Mobile Equipment: A fatal injury occurred while a worker was involved in all terrain vehicle incident.

#3 Underground Ventilation: A site-wide power outage caused the main underground ventilation system to shut down. All workers underground were ordered to refuge stations. After an attempt to restart the ventilation failed, the workers were evacuated to the surface. No injuries were reported.

#4 Surface Mobile Equipment: A worker sustained a serious injury resulting from a chain under tension breaking.

#5 Helicopter Operations: While using a helicopter to move diamond drill equipment, a piece of plywood dropped from the load, landing near an access road. No injuries were reported.

#6 Underground Ventilation: While electricians were performing a visual inspection of the fans, one of the main fans was found offline. Mine workers retreated to their refuge stations. A failed vibration sensor was identified and corrected.

#7 Surface Operations: While conducting an inspection, a worker noticed small piles of hot embers on a clean coal conveyor. The belt was immediately stopped, and water was used to extinguish the embers. The smouldering coal was caused by a build up of material on the dryer rod deck. The ember detection system was serviced before resuming operations.

Comments:

Workers should be aware of potential energy sources, such as stored energy in chains, cables and slings when they are under tension.

Hazardous Work – S.3.3.1 of the Code

The manager or a person authorized by him/her shall personally supervise all work involved in correcting an unusual hazard and such work shall be carried out in accordance with safe working practices and in compliance with this code, and a plan approved by the manager.