



# Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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### Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of November 15 to 21, 2021

**#1 Geotechnical:** A large landslide deposited 100,000 tons of material in the permitted area of the mine. No workers were present at the time of the slide.

**#2 Underground Ventilation:** A site-wide power outage caused the underground ventilation to shut down. Approximately an hour later, the ventilation was restored.

**#3 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loader tipped on its side after the back right wheel caught the toe of a stockpile. No equipment damage or injuries were reported.

**#4 Surface Mobile Equipment:** While moving material in the pit, a loaded articulated haul truck tipped over. No equipment damage or injuries were reported.

**#5 Surface Maintenance:** While cleaning out water and coal from the bottom level of a hopper, the upper sections released a mix of water and coal. The workers recognized the hazard and moved to a safe location before the in-rush of material flooded the lower level.

**#6 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck was travelling down a ramp and was forced to take evasive action when a second haul truck coming up the ramp entered the lane of the descending haul truck. The two haul trucks side-swiped each other, causing minor damage. No injuries were reported.

**#7 Underground Mobile Equipment:** While travelling down a ramp, an empty cardboard box blew into a bolter's exhaust pipe, causing the box to ignite. The operator noticed the flames and extinguished the fire with a handheld extinguisher. The operator also extinguished a second flare-up.

**#8 Surface Mobile Equipment:** While climbing onto a coal seam, a dozer slipped sideways after the material below failed, causing the dozer to tip on its side. No injuries were reported.

**#9 Surface Mobile Equipment:** An excavator and a pickup truck both lost traction and started to slide down a ramp while the excavator was pulling the pickup truck. While sliding, the pickup truck's operator jumped from the truck before the pickup struck a pump. The excavator operator was able to stop the excavator before hitting the pickup truck. No injuries were reported.

### Comments:

Ensure vehicles operated on a mine site are equipped with proper tires and tracks for slippery environments. Consider using adequate traction devices such as chains or studs for rubber-tired vehicles and installing cleats or grousers on tracked vehicles to ensure they are safe for icy conditions.