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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 December 6 to 12, 2021

#1 Fall from Height: A worker descending a shovel's upper access ladder slipped on the third step and fell 8 feet to the lower ladder below.

#2 Surface Maintenance: While using a 5-ton overhead crane to lift a beam, the crane's cable broke, causing the sling and crane hook to jump into the air. No injuries were reported.

#3 Surface Mobile Equipment: While building a ramp, an excavator's right track caught a frozen berm, causing the left track to sink in looser material, subsequently causing the excavator to roll onto its side slowly. No injuries were reported.

#4 Mobile Equipment Maintenance: While taking a pickup to the maintenance shop for suspected brake issues, a mechanic used the parking brake to stop the pickup. While entering the shop bay, the mechanic used the parking brake to stop the truck, leaving it in gear and exiting it to move an object. Unoccupied, the truck rolled forward, striking a workbench.

#5 Surface Mobile Equipment: While turning towards a stockpile, a loaded haul truck's tires lost traction and slid 3 feet, causing the front right tire to ride up a berm and the front left tire's hub casting to break off before coming to a stop.

Comments:

While ascending or descending a ladder, ensure you have three points of contact. Do not try to carry objects that may interfere with your ability to use a ladder safely.