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Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of September 27 to October 3, 2021

#1 Blasting Operations: While driving from drill to drill, a contractor drove onto a loaded pattern. The blasters immediately stopped the light vehicle. The senior supervisor was contacted and responded to the scene. No injuries were reported.

#2 Stoppage of Ventilation: A site-wide power outage caused an interruption to the main underground ventilation system. All work was stopped, and crews were instructed to stand-down until power was restored.

Comments:

All workers who work around explosives should be familiar with Part 8 of the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British Columbia.

Vehicles Prohibited – S. 8.5.10 of the Code

No equipment shall be allowed within 8 m of any charged blasthole except:

- (1) authorized explosives vehicles,
- (2) explosive vehicles which have the exhaust directed above the cab of the vehicle
- (3) other equipment authorized in writing by the Chief Inspector