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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 January 11 to 17, 2021

**#1 Surface Maintenance:** Two millwrights were working from a scaffold, conducting maintenance on a ball mill, when a socket weighing 11.5lbs fell off the torque gun being used. It fell approximately five feet before striking a worker below, who was taken to first aid and reported mild bruising.

**#2 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A shovel operator attempted to signal a haul truck backing-up to be loaded, but the shovel's horn failed. The operator swung the shovel out of the way so the haul truck wouldn't reverse into it but the shovel continued swinging on its own. The shovel operator radioed the haul truck to get out of the way while attempting to hit the emergency stop button, which also failed. After 1.5 rotations, the shovel stopped with the bucket coming to rest in the face. No equipment was contacted, and no injuries were reported.

**#3 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A heavy-duty mechanic was walking a dozer down a forestry road. While navigating the sloped portion of the road, the dozer slid 44 feet before contacting a steam truck that was being used to clean a service truck. On contact, the steam truck then slid into the service truck. The steam truck operator was between the steam truck and the service truck but got out of the way after hearing the initial collision. No injuries were reported. The steam truck and service truck suffered minor damage.

**#4 Surface Mobile Equipment:** The shovel operator signalled a haul truck with a horn and proceeded to trip the bucket for loading. The shovel was swung left into the dig face and lost control as the shovel continued to swing left. The shovel operator radioed the haul truck to get out of the way and then tripped the electrical pilot to shut the shovel down and set the brakes. No equipment was contacted, and no injuries were reported.

### **Comments:**

Testing emergency stopping devices/equipment should be performed regularly to ensure they are functioning properly and to ensure operators are familiar with their function.