



# Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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### Dangerous Occurrences reported for the week of January 25 to 31, 2021

**#1 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck on a ramp slid approximately 170 m before the operator directed it into a berm to avoid collision with on-coming traffic.

**#2 Surface Geotechnical:** A shift boss visually identified geotechnical movement in a pit.

**#3 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck in a marshaling area indicated it was in park via a green light, then a worker approached for a shift change. When the worker went to remove the wheel chocks, they heard a click and the truck moved slightly. They stepped out of the way before the truck readjusted its parking position without sounding the horn.

**#4 Chemical Exposure:** A worker reported handling red rock that potentially contained mercury and that there was red dust in the air when disturbed.

**#5 Surface Maintenance:** An operator activated a tractor trailer dump box to remove a significant amount of snow and ice in it, causing the trailer and tractor to flip over onto its left side. The worker exited the cab through the side window.

**#6 Surface Maintenance:** Two workers were preparing for maintenance activities in a sea-can with an ozone system that had been purged for three hours with oxygen. The workers opened a valve to depressurize the system when a fixed-ozone monitor alarmed and the workers immediately vacated.

**#7 Surface Blasting:** A mechanic in an un-authorized light duty truck entered a loaded blast pattern.

**#8 Surface Mine Preparation:** Two contract fellers were working at the top of a face when the spotter stepped sideways into a depression in the ground and injured their knee.

**#9 Surface Maintenance:** During the alignment of a centrifuge basket, a sling failed, and the basket fell 6' to the ground. A worker reached out with their hands when it rolled towards them and received first aid for sore wrist/hands.

#### Comments:

- Devices for the detection of flammable or noxious gases must be approved for such use and properly maintained. This includes regular calibration, maintenance, and bump testing prior to use.
- The mine manager shall appoint a qualified person to be responsible for maintaining gas detectors.
- The mine manager shall appoint a qualified person to carry and check gas detectors for damage and to ensure it is in proper working order before use.