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Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences reported for the week of February 01 to 07, 2021

- #1 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A dozer operator reversed in front of a haul truck dumping a load when it slipped, causing the machine to twist and contact the front bumper of the haul truck with the edge of its blade.
- #2 Underground Ventilation:** Sitewide power loss resulted in the stoppage of underground ventilation.
- #3 Surface Mobile Equipment:** While sanding a ramp, a loader turned to pick up a bucket of crush material when it started to slide. The operator lost control and jumped clear of the loader, which came to a stop when the tires hit the berm. There were no injuries or damage related to this incident.
- #4 Underground Inundation:** A mud rush resulted in the entrapment and fatality of an underground mine worker.
- #5 Surface Mobile Equipment:** Two pickup trucks collided at a mine-controlled intersection. One driver sustained minor injuries.
- #6 Surface Equipment:** As a drill operator raised the deck bushing on a drill, the sand line failed at about 40 ft in the air, falling to the ground approximately 6 to 8 ft from the worker.
- #7 Surface Fire:** A small fire occurred on the wood supports of a skip system used for demonstration purposes.
- #8 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A pickup truck parked in the mine staging area was struck and damaged by the counterweight of an excavator. No one was in the truck.
- #9 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck travelling towards a shovel contacted the shovel bucket in the air.
- #10 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck blew its right rear inside tire. The operator came to a controlled stop but had slight bruising on the forehead and was sent for further medical assessment.
- #11 Surface Mobile Equipment:** An excavator was clearing an avalanche catchment when the snow dropped down causing the excavator to slide sideways and flop over on its side.
- #12 Surface Electrical:** A utility crew preparing to move a shovel trailing cable accidentally pulled apart a live high voltage junction box.