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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 27 to January 3, 2022

#1 Underground Mobile Equipment: A haul truck caught fire near the cab while heading loaded up a ramp towards the surface. The fire suppression system was deployed, and no injuries were reported.

#2 Surface Geotechnical: A rock waste pile slumped due to a weak layer of snow, causing material to slide into a nearby parked excavator. A window on the excavator was damaged, and no injuries were reported.

#3 Explosives: Half of a blast pattern failed to detonate.

#4 Surface Mobile Equipment: While a larger bulldozer was ripping ground above, a small dozer was side-cutting below. The vibration of the larger dozer caused material to sluff and cover the right-side tracks of the smaller dozer. No injuries were reported.

#5 Surface Mobile Equipment: A shovel struck a haul truck after an operator lost control, and all attempts to stop the shovel from swinging failed. The haul truck's deck, air box, box canopy and cab sustained damage. No injuries were reported.

#6 Surface Mobile Equipment: While a loader was being moved from the lay down to the waste pile, the operator lost traction. The operator attempted to drop the forks, causing the machine to spin 180 degrees and slide 10 metres before stopping against a berm. No injuries were reported.

#7 Mobile Equipment Maintenance: After a joystick was replaced in an excavator, the operator began to test its function. As soon as the operator touched the joystick, the machine responded by turning and striking the nearby service truck. The operator locked the hydraulics to prevent further movement. No injuries were reported.

Comments:

When moving material or disturbing the ground, always be aware of your surroundings, mainly when working on a slope and above workers or machinery below.