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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 17 to 24, 2022

#1 Surface Maintenance: A laptop fell into the gearing of a mill while being serviced, causing a fire. A nearby worker extinguished the fire.

#2 Surface Structures: Heavy snow caused the roofs of two dormitories to fail. Workers were evacuated, and no injuries were reported.

#3 Underground Ventilation: A fault in an overhead line caused the power to go down, resulting in the loss of the main ventilation. Workers reported to the refuge stations and returned to the surface once the ventilation was restored.

#4 Surface Operations: While setting up for a shovel move, a dozer operator pushed an arch pole, causing it to strike an occupied pickup truck. No injuries were reported.

#5 Underground Ventilation: A fault in a heading fan caused an unplanned outage of the main ventilation. Workers reported to the refuge station until the ventilation was restored.

#6 Surface Structures: A storage tent for winter sand and salt, located in a pit, collapsed because of snow load. No injuries were reported.

Comments:

Pursuant to section 4.1.1 – Design and Construction – of the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC, all buildings shall be constructed in accordance with the British Columbia Building Code. Ensure structures being installed in areas prone to heavy snowfall are designed for large snow loads; this includes the ability to shed snow and withstand the energy of snow being released from rooftops.

Consider removing snow in a safe manner to reduce the load on the structure.