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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 January 25 to 31, 2022

#1 Surface Electrical: While checking the insulation on a pump, an electrician inadvertently opened the line side cabinet (13.8kv) and applied a meter lead to the 13.8kv line and the other lead to a grounding source. An arcing sound was heard, and the breaker tripped. No injuries were sustained.

#2 Surface Mobile Equipment: An empty crew bus lost all power when heading up a ramp, causing the bus to roll back. The operator attempted to use the brakes, which had no effect. The operator steered the bus into a bank, stopping the bus approximately 20 metres below.

#3 Surface Blasting: While reversing a mixing unit, the tray of the unit caught two down lines for the blasting pattern, causing them to stretch and break.

#4 Surface Blasting: A dozer caught a down line and pulled a booster out of the hole.

#5 Surface Geotechnical: A multi-bench slumping event occurred; however, the run of material was minimal.

#6 Surface Mobile Equipment: While ripping a road, a dozer tipped on its side after its left track dropped into a low area, and the operator dropped the machine's blade quickly. The operator was able to exit the dozer after it tipped, and no injuries were reported.

Comments:

While operating machinery, ensure there is an adequate understanding of the operating environment, including proximity to objects, equipment, workers, unstable ground, etc.