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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 28 to March 6, 2022

#1 Surface Explosives: A drill hole adjacent to a blast pattern caught fire. The area was evacuated, and water was used to extinguish the flame. The blast was successfully carried out later in the day.

#2 Underground Mobile Equipment: While tramming a jumbo drill into the mine, the drill tangled with a 5KV power cable, causing damage to the cable, leading to an unplanned stoppage of the mine's ventilation.

#3 Surface Drilling: A driller's helper dropped a drill rod onto their foot, damaging the boot's steel-toe portion causing a minor injury to their foot.

#4 Surface Operations: While a worker was checking the pilot flame on a heater, the worker's face and hand were burned when opening the door of the heater.

#5 Underground Geotechnical: An unexpected fall of ground occurred in an unoccupied stope. No workers or equipment were in the area at the time of the failure.

Comments:

Mobile equipment operators need to be aware of their surroundings while operating, particularly underground, where travel ways are tighter and are potentially shared with critical equipment.