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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 March 21 to March 27, 2022

- #1 Fall from Heights:** A worker fell approximately 10 feet from a rolling ladder and sustained severe injuries.
- #2 Surface Explosives:** After the detonation of a blast pattern, it was noticed that three workers were left in their drills and were within the worker-excluded zone of the blast area. No injuries, fly rock or damage were reported.
- #3 Fall from Heights:** An operator fell 14 feet from the top of the access ladder while boarding their haul truck.
- #4 Surface Mobile Equipment:** A service truck travelling approximately 40km/h came to an abrupt stop when it hit a sinkhole. The sudden stop caused the driver to sustain an injury requiring medical aid.
- #5 Surface Electrical:** While moving a sub tower underneath an energized power line, the tower caught an aerial fibre optic line, causing the power pole to snap. The energized conductors affixed to the poles subsequently shorted and tripped the 7200-volt feeder breaker.
- #6 Surface Geotechnical:** After a blast, a landslide was initiated, taking out two power poles. No injuries were reported.
- #7 Surface Geotechnical:** A slide occurred near an electrical building, covering a walkway and refuse line. No workers were near the area at the time of the slide.
- #8 Surface Mobile Equipment:** After workers exited their maintenance vehicle, the vehicle rolled approximately 10 feet away, making contact with a dozer.
- #9 Underground Mobile Equipment:** While tramming a telehandler up the ramp, the operator noticed a glow coming from the engine compartment of the unit. The operator stopped the unit and extinguished the flames.
- #10 Underground Mobile Equipment:** A jumbo drill was drilling on a 15 percent grade. After drilling, with the parking brakes engaged, the operator raised the jacks, and the jumbo drill unexpectedly rolled approximately 21 feet backwards before striking a wall. The operator attempted to use the service brakes to stop the machine, but they were also not functioning. No injuries were reported.

Comments:

A fall from any height can be dangerous. Ensure barriers are installed to prevent falling from openings, drop-offs and ledges. If a worker is exposed to the hazard of falling from height, ensure workers are trained in and provided fall arrest equipment.