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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 April 11 to 17, 2022

#1 Surface Maintenance: While performing maintenance on a cyclone regrind pump in the mill's basement, a worker called the control room to have a valve closed, located one level above the pump. After hearing a bang, the worker observed a portion of the valve fall 30 feet, landing eight feet away from the worker.

#2 Surface Mobile Equipment: While clearing snow with a mini excavator, a spotter located beside the machine was struck by the excavator's bucket after walking within the swing radius of the machine. No injuries were reported.

#3 Surface Maintenance: While performing maintenance on a ball mill, a large wheel came off while removing the last bolt. The wheel struck the worker, who was taken for medical assessment.

#4 Surface Mobile Equipment: The shift supervisor noted evidence of a near-miss involving a haul truck backing over a berm and crest of the dumpsite; however, no injuries or damage were reported.

#5 Underground Ventilation: An unplanned stoppage of the main ventilation occurred due to a site-wide power loss.

Comments:

Ensure spotters understand the dangerous operating zones of the machines they are assisting. In addition, regular tasks should have a safe work procedure to ensure workers are knowledgeable in their job and know which steps to follow to mitigate the inherent job-related risks.