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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 25 to May 1, 2022

#1: Surface Mobile Equipment: A scraper operator was stuck by the rear cab window, after it dislodged, as a result of the left front tire having a blow out. Worker was assessed by first-aid and returned to work.

#2: Surface Dust, Fumes & Gases: A welder was treated for minor burn injuries when an explosion of flammable gas ignited in the vicinity of the worker.

#3: Surface Mobile Equipment: A heavy duty pick up truck with dual rear wheels lost both driver's side rear wheels when descending a ramp on a mine site. The first outer wheel falling off went unnoticed. The second wheel falling brought the vehicle to a forced stop.

#4: Underground Blasting: While mucking out a fresh round, a scoop operator had an unexpected detonation of unfired explosives in the scoop's bucket. No injuries or damages resulted.

#5: Surface Other Unusual Incident: While pressure testing a line for leaks with compressed air, a Victaulic coupling failed, resulting in a section of pipe and the pressure testing fittings to strike a worker knocking them in the upper torso. The worker did not suffer any injuries.

Comments:

Before commencing work activities, all pre-inspection activities should be performed first to assess if any unsafe situations or other hazards are present. All deficiencies must be corrected before starting work.