



Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of June 13 to June 19, 2022

#1: Surface Electrical: The worker attended to an electrical cabinet. The cabinet was not shutting correctly when the worker attempted to close the door. When the worker opened the cabinet, a cable disconnected from the lug, contacting the cabinet and arcing before it fell and hung loose in the air. No injuries were reported.

#2: Surface Explosives: A booster was found in a dump pile. No injuries were reported.

#3: Surface Geotechnical: Following a heavy rainstorm, material from a slope was released. No workers were in the area. No injuries were reported.

#4: Underground Ventilation: A fault causing the power to trip resulted in the main ventilation fan losing power. The mine was evacuated and the fault was found and repaired. No injuries were reported.

#5: Surface Blasting: A machine was digging when a booster was found in the dig face. The scene was frozen, barricaded, and the booster was disarmed. No injuries were reported.

#6: Surface Mobile Equipment: The worker was operating a UTV, coming down a hill when the brakes failed. The worker jumped from the UTV into a grassy ditch. No injuries were reported.

#7: Surface Mobile Equipment: The worker was operating an excavator when material under the machine gave way, and the excavator slid into the pond. The operator escaped the machine as it was sliding. No injuries were reported.

Comments:

Operating mobile equipment near water comes with elevated risks to workers. Mine staff are encouraged to review the [June 2020 Hazard Alert - Excavators on Mine Sites](#).

- **Conduct a risk assessment prior to beginning work near water.**
- **Ensure Code requirements under Section 3.3.3 are fulfilled.**
- **Assess machinery to be used for the task – Consider the impact a brush guard may have in the event of an emergency.**