



# Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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## Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of June 20 to June 26, 2022

- #1. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** Visible flames were noticed on an operating shovel. The operator safely exited the machine, and the fire was extinguished. Minor smoke inhalation was reported by the operator.
- #2. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A mini excavator was used to clean debris from a ditch. While digging, the machine bucket severed a live underground electrical cable. The scene was frozen, and power was shut off. No injuries were reported.
- #3. Surface Mobile Equipment:** The guidance system for an autonomous drill guided the machine to re-drill previously drilled and blasted holes. No injuries were reported.
- #4. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A worker who was helping the drill operator was moving drill rods. While moving the drill rod, the worker's hand was caught between the rod and the drill head, crushing one of the worker's fingers.
- #5. Surface Plant Explosion:** Dryer venting explosion. No injuries were reported.
- #6. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A drill was operating when a locking mechanism for a second drill pipe opened. The drill pipe became unsecured and fell to the ground. No injuries were reported.
- #7. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A worker was assisting in the exchange of a dozer track. While removing a sling from the track, the worker's hand became pinched, severing the tip of their finger.

**Comments:** The operation and maintenance of mobile equipment presents unique hazards. Ensure that risk assessments have been completed and safe working procedures are in place before starting maintenance tasks.