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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 August 15th to August 21st, 2022

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A worker exited their pickup to place wheel chocks under a haul truck. As they were placing the chocks, their pickup rolled downhill and contacted the haul truck. A clogged gear linkage prevented the transmission from engaging. No injuries were reported.
- 2. Surface Electrical:** A worker cut into an energized power line with a reciprocating saw. Power was isolated and work was stopped. No injuries were reported.
- 3. Surface Other Unusual Incident:** A worker was operating a hydraulic core splitter and activated the foot pedal while their thumb was on top of the core. The worker suffered a broken thumb.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment:** An excavator was working near a conveyor when the excavator contacted a 4" PVC pipe which contained an electrical cable. No injuries were reported.
- 5. Surface Operations:** Drill rods were strapped to the top of an external helicopter basket. During the flight, the rods came loose and fell into the forest. No injuries were reported.
- 6. Surface Operations:** Two workers were unloading a 3x3 stack of 50' lengths of HDPE pipe when one of the lengths rolled off the stack. Both workers were at the ends of the pipe on the other side of the stack. No injuries were reported.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck began moving and one of the tires failed. The force of the tire failure launched a rock ~100m towards a pickup truck. The rock went through the pickup's rear window, shattering the glass. No workers were in the vicinity. No injuries were reported.
- 8. Surface Mobile Equipment:** The operator of a haul truck lost consciousness and contacted a cable arch pole. No other workers were in the vicinity. No injuries were reported.

Comments: Mine managers are reminded to ensure all loads are safely secured to prevent any unexpected movement.