



Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported for the Week of January 23rd to 29th, 2023

- 1. Underground Hoist:** The cage tender attempted to raise the latch bar of the cage when it broke loose and fell down the shaft.
- 2. Surface Equipment:** Seven rail cars derailed.
- 3. Surface Electrical:** A worker shoveling snow at a generator building contacted a group of cables with a plastic shovel. One cable was a live 600-volt line which shorted and caused the breaker to trip.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck operator lost control of the vehicle which drove up onto a berm.
- 5. Underground Ventilation:** Unexpected underground mine ventilation stoppage.
- 6. Surface Fire:** A fire was observed in a propane vapourizer shed and put out with a fire extinguisher.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loader loading a haul truck contacted the truck's fuel tank resulting in a spill.
- 8. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck operator heard an unusual sound, stopped the truck, and noticed flames coming from the grid box. The fire was extinguished with an extinguisher.
- 9. Surface Blasting:** An explosives vehicle being guided onto a pattern was stopped just before running over a case of detonators.
- 10. Surface Operations:** A worker's arm was pulled into a roller, sustaining serious injuries.
- 11. Surface Mobile Equipment:** While moving a shovel cable, an excavator's track contacted and damaged the shovel's trailing cable resulting in the shovel losing power.
- 12. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A ruptured brake line near the inner rear tire caused a fire. The fire was extinguished by mine rescue.
- 13. Underground Hoist:** A hoist came to an abrupt stop due to a limit switch fault.
- 14. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck lost dynamic braking power while travelling down hill. The operator was able to stop the unit in a flat spot; however, the wheel covers caught fire, which were extinguished with a fire extinguisher.
- 15. Underground Geotechnical:** After washing a freshly blasted muck pile, workers heard popping and cracking, causing them to retreat before an estimated 212 tonnes of material fell from the wall.
- 16. Surface Explosives:** An explosives truck drove over a loaded hole, severing the down lines.

Slow down and be aware of your surroundings when operating equipment in challenging areas or near other traffic. Regular safety talks and formal training are excellent ways to reduce collisions and near misses.