

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

## Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry

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## Incidents Reported for the Week of February 20th to 26th, 2023

- 1. Surface Working at Height: A worker was clearing snow on a trailer when they slipped and fell approximately 10 feet. The worker was treated at first aid for sore ribs.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision: A loader reversed off a crusher feeder ramp into the rear tire of a haul truck that was backing up. There was damage to the back end of the loader.
- **3.** Surface Electrical: A dozer ran over and damaged a shovel's trailing cable. Heavy snowfall may have been a contributing factor.
- **4. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A haul truck travelling up a slight incline lost control and spun 180 degrees before coming to a stop.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover: An excavator was building a crusher ramp when the wall holding the material collapsed and the excavator tipped on its side.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover: A loader operator was working uphill to clear snow when it reversed, and the rear tire rode up on a berm causing the loader to flip onto its side.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire: A fire in the engine compartment of an articulated truck was extinguished with a portable fire extinguisher.
- 8. Surface Fire: A fire on a ball mill's drive clutch was extinguished with fire extinguishers. The mill was evacuated due to smoke.
- **9.** Surface Exploration: A driller helper was unscrewing the water swivel from a drill rod with a pipe wrench when the wrench slipped out of their hands and fell on their foot. The wrench hit outside of the toe protection area of their boot.
- **10.** Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control: An empty haul truck travelling downhill gained speed. When the truck started to slow down at the bottom of the ramp it was in a sweeping corner. The haul truck skid around the corner making a 360 degree turn.
- 11. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire: A worker walking towards a dozer noticed its engine was on fire. Mine rescue was called to extinguish the fire.
- **12.** Surface Mobile Equipment: While a worker was filling up the tire of a haul truck the truck drove away.

**Comments:** Daily checks and regular preventative maintenance of equipment can help reduce unexpected incidents such as fires.