



Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported for the Week of April 3rd to 9th, 2023

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck was stopped for electrical issues. When the vehicle was started up for diagnosis a fire started in the grid box. Mine rescue extinguished the fire.
- 2. Surface Operations:** A maintenance worker was operating a cordless drill to wind up a service truck outrigger jack. The worker was reaching to release a handle which extends the lower section of the outrigger. The jack reached its end of range at the same moment and the drill stalled and spun out of the workers grip striking them on the face knocking off a piece of tooth.
- 3. Surface Slope Failure:** A pit wall sloughed, <100 tons, due to the freeze, thaw cycle.
- 4. Mobile Equipment Collision:** While backing up to an excavator for a tail load a haul truck contacted the excavator breaking the blind side and rear window.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loaded haul truck was going up ramp when the wind suddenly changed direction blowing dust in front of the truck impairing the operator's vision. The vehicle drifted across the empty lane contacting the berm.
- 6. Surface Falling Objects:** A lubeperson was doing an oil change on a screen when an air fitting in their back pocket fell out and down the chute. It struck the hard hat of a tiler below doing repairs in the chute.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** During operation a water truck operator observed fire coming from the #3 wheel. The operator was able to safely stop, exit the vehicle and call mine rescue.
- 8. Surface Falling Objects:** A worker noticed pieces of scaffolding stacked near the edge of an elevated floor and went to move it inadvertently causing a 2' scaffolding tube (2lbs) to fall approximately 30' to the floor.
- 9. Surface Explosives:** An excavator pulling waste off exposed a live booster.
- 10. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** During operation a grader caught fire with visible flames exiting the engine compartment doors. The operator was able to stop the equipment and exit the cab. Mine rescue extinguished the fire.
- 11. Surface Blasting:** Two maintenance vehicles followed a blaster's truck onto a loaded pattern. They were stopped via radio within 4 meters of a loaded hole.
- 12. Surface Explosives:** An excavator was loading trucks when the operator identified a live primer in the bucket.
- 13. Surface Explosives:** A loader operator discovered an exposed booster and detonator.
- 14. Surface Operations:** A locked open drain valve closed unexpectedly while cleaning was being done.

Comments: No one should be in an area where people are working overhead.