

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

Sharing safety with the mining industry

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of June 26th to July 2nd, 2023

- 1. **Surface Explosives:** An operator spotted a booster in their work area. The scene was frozen, and the blast crew removed the booster.
- 2. **Underground Stoppage of Ventilation:** The site's main power generator shut down and the backup system did not come on. All underground power was off, which shut off auxiliary underground ventilation.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment: An articulated haul truck was dumping when the box tipped over.
- 4. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck struck a large rock, damaging the fuel tank, spilling 4500L of diesel.
- 5. **Underground Mobile Equipment Fire:** While workers were fixing a deformed truck box from the inside using a torch, a tire began smoking and flames were observed.
- 6. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A hydraulic line on a haul truck failed, spraying fluid onto the hot exhaust, causing an engine fire. The operator extinguished the fire, and mine rescue attended.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment: An incident involving an ATV in an open pit was reported.
- 8. **Surface Falling Objects:** Workers were re-aligning belts when the counterbalance and trolley fell, striking a worker in the head 10 feet below.
- 9. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision: A loader operator was backing up when they contacted the tire of a water truck.

Comments: Tire pyrolysis is a chemical reaction that may occur when a rubber tire is heated, causing deterioration and potential explosion. For more information, read <u>here</u>.