

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of July 10th to July 16th, 2023

- 1. **Underground Explosives:** A worker was scaling near a face when they heard a small pop; a mishole that contained explosives had detonated.
- 2. **Surface Mobile Equipment, Rollover:** The operator of an articulated haul truck had backed up to dump their load but had placed the rear wheel on a pile of crushed rock. The load shifted, and the box tipped.
- 3. **Surface Mobile Equipment, Out of Control:** A haul truck was traveling from the pit when it slipped on the muddy roads, sliding and contacting the berm.
- 4. **Surface Falling Objects:** Two workers were in an aerial lift working on a pipe when the chain hoist failed, and the pipe fell, contacting the front tire of the aerial lift. The area below was barricaded prior to starting work.
- 5. **Underground Geotechnical:** A scaling crew had just finished for the day and were cleaning up the site when a loud rockfall was heard behind them where they had previously been working.
- 6. **Surface Mobile Equipment, Rollover:** The bus driver was traveling down the forest service road when they contacted the shoulder of the road and the bus flipped.
- 7. **Surface Mobile Equipment, Collision:** A cement mixer was parked for cement pouring when a pickup slowly drove by and contacted the cement truck's bumper.
- 8. **Underground Mobile Equipment, Collision:** A scoop truck with a bucket of ore contacted a haul truck. The scoop approached the pad bucket first, which obstructed their view of the truck.
- 9. Surface Mobile Equipment: An articulated haul truck experienced a tire failure in the pit.
- 10. Underground Mobile Equipment, Collision: A worker parked their light duty vehicle where a scoop was operating, and the scoop later contacted the vehicle's tailgate.
- 11. **Surface Operations:** A worker granted two workers unauthorized access to the autonomous zone. The workers realized they were not in the right work area and returned to the locked gate.
- 12. Surface Operations, Dust, Fumes, Gases: A fixed hydrogen sulphide monitor activated in a plant. The plant workers evacuated.
- 13. Underground Mobile Equipment: The front left wheel fell off of a vehicle traveling downhill.

Comments: Mining areas are dynamic, requiring increased and constant situational awareness.