

Weekly Summary of Dangerous Occurrences

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Dangerous Occurrences Reported for the Week of July 17th to July 23rd, 2023

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision: A loader backed into a parked, unoccupied light duty vehicle.
- **2. Surface Operations:** A worker was moving a piece of lumber when they fell and impacted a drill pad footing, sustaining a back injury.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment, Out of Control: A haul truck and light duty vehicle were entering an intersection from opposite directions. The haul truck was coming down a ramp, braked, lost traction, slid, and contacted the light duty vehicle with a tire.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment: A light duty vehicle was turning into the parking lot when the front left wheel came off.
- **5. Surface Pressure Event:** An explosion occurred at the dryer vent. The pressure control and interlock systems performed as designed.
- 6. Surface Operations: A worker was attempting to free a stuck fitting when their chisel broke, lacerating their forearm.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision: A dozer turned and contacted the side of a utility pickup.
- **8. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** An empty haul truck was travelling down a haul road when the operator noticed flames coming from the grid box. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
- **9. Surface, Other:** A lab technician was crushing samples and used an air nozzle to blow out the remaining material in the crusher. The nozzle got caught and a finger contacted the top of the crusher causing a fracture.
- **10. Underground Operations:** Two workers were reattaching a water discharge hose to a pump. The area had been sprayed with fiber reinforced shotcrete but did not yet have mechanical support.
- 11. Surface Operations, Explosives: A dozer operator was pushing material when they noticed a primer.
- **12. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** The operator of a water truck noticed flames coming from a tire. Mine Rescue was dispatched to extinguish the fire.
- 13. Surface Operations, Falling Workers: An excavator operator was checking the machine engine bay. Upon exiting, the wind caught the door and their sleeve, causing the operator to lose balance and fall 6 feet to the ground. The worker was transported to the hospital.
- **14. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck had brake retarder issues and the operator noticed flames coming from the grid box. Mine Rescue attended and extinguished the fire.
- **15. Surface Mobile Equipment, Out of Control, Fire:** A loaded haul truck crested a ramp and lost dynamic braking. The operator applied the service brake but could not stop the truck. The truck travelled and stopped at the dump, where the operator dismounted the machine and observed flames from the rear wheel motors. Mine Rescue attended and extinguished the fire.

Comments: Procedures shall be in place for any work on equipment tires and rims, and may only be completed by qualified workers.