



Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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14

Incidents Reported for the Week of January 22nd to 28th, 2024.

- 1. Surface Operations Falling Object:** Workers were inside their light-duty vehicle on a break, when an icicle fell from above, approximately 150 feet, landing on the hood and windshield.
- 2. Surface Operations Fire:** An operator noticed smoke and flames from a generator. Mine rescue extinguished the fire.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment Other:** A loaded haul truck backed up in the vicinity of a dozer. When the truck dumped its load a rock fell from the side of the truck, impacting the dozer's handrail.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment Other:** A loader was back blading near an office trailer and contacted an unmarked, above-ground power cable, crushing it.
- 5. Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** A slope failure was identified, with an approximate runout of 25 metres, and slope height of 60 metres.
- 6. Surface Blasting:** A worker was moving a truck to another hole in a blast pattern, when it travelled over a loaded drill hole, severing two lines.
- 7. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Fire:** An empty, autonomous haul truck went into exception and the engine shut off. A nearby operator noticed an oil leak and small visible flames in the engine bay area. Mine rescue extinguished the fire.
- 8. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** An empty autonomous haul truck was travelling down a ramp and slid, turning 90 degrees in its own lane.
- 9. Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A failed mechanical load break switch caused an unexpected shutdown of the primary mine ventilation fans.
- 10. Surface Operations:** A worker was changing a lay-flat line on a pump. While removing the old line, there was a release of water from the pump which pushed the operator back, knocking them down. The worker noted discomfort in both shoulders and their forearm.
- 11. Underground Fall of Ground:** While working on a compressor located at the side of a portal, workers noticed that a rock fall had occurred, contacting the compressor, moving it.
- 12. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** An empty haul truck was travelling towards a corner before an uphill ramp, while another loaded haul truck was coming down the ramp. The two machines made contact, damaging handrails, and a side cab window. One operator noted back and neck stiffness.
- 13. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment:** A loaded autonomous haul truck experienced slippage and spun approximately 180 degrees.
- 14. Underground Accident Involving Hoisting Plant:** Two workers in the cage heard material strike the roof of the cage.

Comments: Releases of energy, potential or kinetic, from various sources such as air, water, or objects, can pose significant risk to workers. These risks may be mitigated by a lockout and tagout procedure. Link: [CCOHS: Lockout/Tag out](#)