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Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported May 13th to 19th, 2024

- 1. Surface Operations:** A worker sustained a finger injury from a chain while attempting to lift a low bed trailer onto the truck.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment Other Vehicle-related Incidents:** A dump truck continued reversing past a dozer working on the spoil dump and got hung up on the dump's berm.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A dozer that was down for maintenance caught fire. The mine emergency response team extinguished the fire after initial attempts by the workers failed.
- 4. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Fire:** An autonomous haul truck had a grid box fire while hauling loaded down the ramp. The mine emergency response team extinguished the fire.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment Other Vehicle-related Incidents:** A bus was travelling to the waste rock dump at shift start to drop off haul truck operators. The bus drove into a sinkhole on the haul road, jarring multiple occupants and causing a range of injuries.
- 6. Surface Blasting Misfires:** A dozer ran over a primer when the operator was pushing debris towards the dig face.
- 7. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck tire blew while driving past a pick-up truck heading the other direction with the driver-side window partially down.

- 8. Surface Operations:** A worker was aligning the center hitch of a split front-end loader using an overhead crane, when the loader's front half began moving unexpectedly. Unable to locate the crane remote, the worker used the crane's emergency shutdown to stop further movement.
- 9. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Fire:** A autonomous haul truck had a grid box fire while pulling onto the spoil. The mine emergency response team extinguished the fire.
- 10. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** After being loaded, a haul truck stopped to let another truck pass. A second haul truck did not notice that the first haul truck stopped and rear-ended it.
- 11. Underground Mobile Equipment Fire:** After splicing a cable, a technician placed a hot propane torch behind the driver's seat of a work truck. Another worker noticed smoke and discovered the flames in the back cab. The fire was extinguished, and a fire watch was put in place.
- 12. Surface Geotechnical Fall of Ground:** A major ground fall/rock mass movement occurred at the base of the dump. No workers or personnel were present near the area.
- 13. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** An autonomous haul truck traveling at 45 km/h began to slide, skidded 30 metres, and spun 97 degrees sideways while staying in its lane.

Comments: As frost leaves the ground, haul roads may be impacted by soft conditions, resulting in sinkholes, soft spots, and ruts. Ensure all operators are aware of changing conditions and drive accordingly.