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# Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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## Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

- 1. Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** A blast was initiated and fly rock hit and broke the window of a shovel. The area had been swept and cleared prior to the blast.
- 2. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** An autonomous haul truck left its planned travel route but remained in its lane. A light vehicle was in the area.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A worker had just connected their truck to a flat deck 5<sup>th</sup> wheel transport trailer, when they noticed the truck starting to roll forward. The worker ran and re-entered the cab, but the truck had already contacted a power pole.
- 4. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Fire:** An autonomous haul truck was preparing to dump its load when a nearby worker noticed flames in the engine bay. The truck was shut off, which extinguished the fire.
- 5. Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** A field team visited an inactive site and discovered a slope failure on a pit wall. Berms and signs were previously installed to prevent access to the area.
- 6. Surface Operations Fire:** A plant operator observed an air-compressor's air-dryer on fire. Air and electrical supply were isolated and mine rescue attended.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** An ejector truck backed up to dump a load and the rear wheels contacted the previous dump pile, causing the box of the truck to tip onto its side.

**Comments: Re-entering out of control mobile equipment presents significant risk with a high potential for injury to workers. Before removing wheel chocks, ensure brakes are set and functioning.**