

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



- 1. Surface Operations Falling Objects: While moving a section of pipe with a crane and sling, the load shifted, and the pipe contacted the ground. Three workers were in the exclusion zone at the time of the incident.
- 2. Surface Operations Fire: Welding sparks contacted a plastic cart, starting a fire, which was put out with a fire extinguisher.
- **3.** Surface Mobile Equipment Fire: An engine fire started on a dozer. The machine was shut off, the fire suppression system was deployed, and four fire extinguishers were used, which were effective for a few minutes. The water truck arrived and extinguished the fire.
- 4. Surface Operations Electrical Shock: A worker was shocked while using an EV charging cord. The worker noted tingling in their arm and fingers and was transported by BC ambulance to the hospital for assessment.
- 5. Surface Electrical Fire: An operator discovered a fire in the electrical room. Mine rescue attended, extinguished the fire, and isolated the room.
- 6. Surface Operations: A worker attempted to adjust chains on an operating screen deck. The hook end of the chain came loose, and struck the worker on their safety glasses, causing a 1.5 cm laceration above their eye. The worker was brought to medical aid, where adhesive stitches were applied. The worker returned to work several hours later.
- 7. Surface Environmental: A local pond was reported to have increased turbidity. An environmental team attended and found a source stream which was traced back to a settlement pond.
- 8. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover: A loaded drill water truck tipped over while turning a corner.
- **9.** Surface Mobile Equipment Other: A haul truck experienced an axle failure, causing the rear left tires to detach and lodge under the box, stopping the truck.

Comments: Proper de-energization and lockout procedures must be followed prior to work being completed on machinery. Review section 4.11.4 for further guidance.