

Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported July 1st to 7th, 2024

- **1. Surface Dam/Dike Erosion:** Two washouts (1 metre wide by 1.3m deep) were observed on an embankment following a rainfall event.
- **2. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck operator observed flames around the cab area of the machine. The fire suppression system was deployed and the operator exited the machine.
- **3. Surface Falling Objects:** While working on the third floor of the plant, a worker heard a noise like something had fallen. Upon inspection, a piece of cement liner fell, hit an I-beam, and then hit the floor. The material weighed approximately 18 kilograms, and fell 3.5 metres. There were no workers in the area.
- **4. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A worker was travelling in a telehandler when the machine lost hydraulic functions on an uphill grade. The machine rolled backwards approximately 30 metres and stopped at a berm.
- **5. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** Flames were observed coming from the engine compartment of a haul truck and the fire suppression system was engaged.
- **6. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A worker travelling approximately 40km/h in a light duty vehicle lost conciousness. The vehicle travelled over a berm, stopping 3 metres down an embankment. No injuries were reported.
- **7. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A worker assigned to a loader turned the master switch on, and during their walk-around, observed flames and smoke coming from the cabinets.
- **8. Surface Mobile Equipment:** During a flight, a helicopter pilot noted both governors malfunctioned, causing rotor speeds to rise. This was accompanied with shaking and unusual rotor sounds. The machine was landed in a gravel pit and taken out of service.

Comments: With the current provincial heat wave, mining operations must ensure workers are aware of the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and take proactive measures to protect workers as per the code s.2.10.1. For more information visit, <u>Heat stress - WorkSafeBC</u>.