



Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported July 8th to 14th, 2024

- 1. Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A breaker tripped, causing the main ventilation fans to shut down. Power was restored, but the breaker tripped again. The issue was isolated and power was restored.
- 2. Surface Electrical Shock:** While setting up a portable sump pump, a millwright was exposed to a live, damaged electrical cable carrying 600v. The worker attended medical aid and returned to work.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A drill operator noticed flickering lights on the drill, and a nearby worker also saw sparks and flickering lights. The worker shut down the machine and extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher.
- 4. Surface Blasting Misfire:** While digging, a shovel operator noticed powder in the dig face. A primer assembly was found and later identified as a misfire. The explosives were recovered by a blaster.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** While repairing washer fluid lines on a light-duty vehicle, some washer fluid sprayed over the engine. When the engine was started, a damaged spark plug wire arced, starting a fire. Workers extinguished the fire with an extinguisher.
- 6. Surface Operations:** While a worker was changing a screen deck bolt, a piece of metal sheared from the bolt head, resulting in a 2 centimeter cut on their finger. The worker went to the hospital and returned the next day.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer backed up and the ripper contacted a haul truck tire, causing a puncture.
- 8. Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** Two site-wide power outages on the same day caused all generators to shut down, stopping ventilation fans. Both outages lasted less than an hour.
- 9. Surface Electrical Fire:** A worker noticed smoke coming from a classifying pump. The equipment was shut down and flames developed. A fire extinguisher was deployed.

Comments: Electricity has the potential to cause serious injury or death. Inspect equipment for damage prior to and after use and immediately take it out of service or repaired if needed. Ensure electrical equipment is installed, maintained, and operated in accordance with the code s.5.1.1.