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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported July 22nd to 28th, 2024

- 1. Underground Mobile Equipment Fire:** During operation of a telehandler, the temperature warning light displayed. While letting the machine cool the operator noticed flames from the engine compartment. The operator extinguished the fire.
- 2. Surface Dangerous Gasses:** While loading a borehole with blasting product, the workers gas detector alarmed with a peak reading of 18.7ppm.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** While travelling down a ramp, a haul truck experienced a fire on the rear wheel motor covers, which initiated at the grease pot. The operator steered the machine around 100m to the dump, awaiting mine rescue.
- 4. Surface Fire:** Smoldering coal was found near a trough idler. The belt was corrected, and the area was sprayed with water.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment Other:** After dumping a load, a haul truck was returning to the loading unit. The box was still raised, and the machine contacted overhead power lines, severing them.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A loaded articulated haul truck drove onto previously dumped material, causing the box to tip over.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** An operator was travelling along a berm in an excavator when the berm gave way under the machine, causing it to tip onto its side. The operator exited the machine, no injuries reported.

8. **Surface Mobile Equipment Other:** A surveyor was completing work, while a skid steer was operating nearby. The skid steer reversed, unaware of the surveyor, resulting in a near miss. The surveyor climbed a wall to avoid the machine.
9. **Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Other:** An autonomous haul truck suffered a tire failure in the pit.
10. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A haul truck crested a ramp and gained speed while approaching a switchback. The operator applied the service brake, but was too late, and the machine contacted the berm which stopped the machine.
11. **Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** A worker entered the pit to collect samples from a drill pattern. The worker approached barricades that noted two loaded blast patterns and thought there was a buffer between the patterns and drove through the signs. After parking their pickup, the worker approached the blasters, who realized the barricade had been breached, and froze the scene.

Comments: In addition to signage and barricades near blast zones, workers should contact blasters prior to entering any potential blast zone.