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Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported the week of September 9th to 15th, 2024.

1. **Surface Geotechnical:** A boulder dislodged from the highwall of a road. It travelled downhill and struck an office building causing damage.
2. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer backed into the tire of a haul truck.
3. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A tanker truck was parked, and the operator exited the truck to observe offloading. The truck began to roll forward and the operator re-entered the truck and applied the brakes.
4. **Surface Fire:** A conveyor idler failed, igniting a pile of combustible material under the belt. The fire was extinguished by mine rescue.
5. **Surface Working at Height & Falling Objects:** While lowering an aerial lift platform, the platform contacted a piece of PVC pipe, causing it to detach, fall and shatter below. Pieces of PVC pipe spread outside of the control zone, but no workers were in the area.
6. **Surface Mobile Equipment/Electrical:** An excavator swung close enough to a power line to cause an arc flash between the stick and the powerline.
7. **Surface Working at Height & Falling Objects:** While loading a hopper feeder onto a lowbed, a sling pushed through the sling edge protection and was severed, dropping the load.
8. **Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** An empty autonomous haul truck reported slippage and entered the oncoming lane.
9. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loader's tire sidewall failed.
10. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A mechanic attended a haul truck with an indicated engine code. The mechanic parked by the front right tire of the haul truck, exited, and opened their back door to retrieve tools. The mechanic then heard the haul truck engine rev and start to move forward. The mechanic ran out of the way and the haul truck contacted the open mechanic truck door. The haul truck driver realized they hit something, so they backed up, and parked, and exited the machine.

Comments: Vehicle collisions are among the most common reported mining incidents and presents a serious risk to workers. Situational awareness and communication between operators is critical in preventing vehicle collision incidents. Consider standard communication protocols for light vehicles operating near heavy equipment.