



Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported October 7th to 13th, 2024

- 1. Underground Blasting Explosives:** An unattended emulsion loader was found with a full tank of emulsion.
- 2. Surface Operations:** While lowering a suspended de-energized cable and pole arch, the brake assembly failed and broke off the pole, contacting a worker's hand. The worker suffered swelling and abrasions but returned to work.
- 3. Underground Stoppage of Ventilation:** A power bump caused the main ventilation fan and compressor to stop. Power was restored within the hour.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A haul truck operator noted an alarm and was instructed to return to the lube shop. While enroute, the truck slid before stopping in its lane.
- 5. Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment:** Two workers entered and began work in an active autonomous haul zone without setting up an exclusion zone.
- 6. Surface Failure of Pressure Vessel:** A dozer tire failure caused damage to the dozer's deck and hazardous noise exposure to the operator. The dozer operator was taken to the hospital for assessment.
- 7. Surface Blasting Misfires:** Three holes were drilled within 0.3m of a bootleg, each on a separate drill pattern.
- 8. Surface Falling Objects:** Two pieces of steel, weighing approximately 4 kilograms, dropped from height onto the deck of a drill.
- 9. Surface Equipment Fire:** SAG mill motor caught fire during troubleshooting. Five fire extinguishers were used to extinguish the flames.
- 10. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** The spill kit on a haul truck caught fire, and the haul truck operator used a fire extinguisher to extinguish it.

Comments: A misfired hole on the surface must be clearly marked off for a distance of 8 meters around the collar of the hole. Equipment use within this 8-meter distance shall be restricted, except as provided in the Code s.8.7.1 or under a procedure approved by the inspector.