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# Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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**Reportable Incidents**

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## Incidents Reported November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** While leaving the pit down a ramp, a haul truck lost traction and slid into the opposite lane.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A shovel backed into a haul truck.
- 3. Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** Blast rock landed in a neighbouring property. It was in the expected blast radius, and consent was given with guards in place at the time of the blast.
- 4. Surface Operations:** A loader backed up near a parked pickup truck. The loader's bumper hook caught onto a spare tire in the bed of the pickup and pulled it out, moving it approximately 2 metres from the pickup truck.
- 5. Surface Operations Falling Objects:** A slab of ice, approximately 1.75 metres wide and 2 centimetres thick fell approximately 13.5 metres, damaging a worker's vehicle.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment:** While being loaded, an excavator slid sideways off a flat deck trailer and rolled onto its side.
- 7. Surface Operations:** A worker in the pit was directing traffic. The worker stopped a truck and directed them into a different lane. The truck driver drove towards the worker, resulting in a near miss.
- 8. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A haul truck passed a drill contacting the mast, causing damage.
- 9. Surface Operations:** A dozer pushed material off the edge of a bench. A 1.5 metre diameter boulder rolled downhill, over the catchment berms and contacted a service truck.

- 10. Surface Blasting:** Prior to a planned blast, a shovel was moved outside of the equipment clearance radius. The shovel operator was not picked up from the shovel and was inside the personnel clearance radius when the blast team attempted to initiate the blast. The blast did not fire due to connection issues. The supervisor realized the operator was inside the radius and retrieved them.
- 11. Underground Stoppage of Ventilation:** A BC Hydro power outage resulted in a site-wide power outage, causing the underground ventilation system to shut off. Once backup power was on and ventilation re-established, workers re-entered the underground workings.
- 12. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** While turning around, a haul truck lost traction and slid backwards 3 to 5 truck lengths, stopping at a berm.
- 13. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loaded concentrate truck experienced reduced braking capabilities while descending a hill. The operator stopped the truck at the base of the hill.
- 14. Surface Operations:** An excavator attempted to move a 45-metre section of 20-centimetre high-density polyethylene pipe. Upon lifting one end of the pipe with the bucket, the pipe contacted a rock berm. The resulting pressure buildup dislodged the pipe from the bucket which sprung through the window of the excavator cab.
- 15. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer backed into a haul truck.

**Comments: Cold weather, reduced daylight hours, and adverse environmental conditions present an added risk to mining operations and worker health, both mental and physical. Review the [CCOHS page on Extreme Weather – Cold](#) for more information.**