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Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported December 9th to 15th, 2024

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A maintenance van travelling down a road, lost traction and slid into a snowbank. The vehicle was travelling approximately 10 km/hr upon impact.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** An articulating haul truck lost traction and slid out of control. The haul truck contacted a parked, empty pick-up truck and continued to slide before contacting the rear of a parked, occupied garbage truck.
- 3. Surface Explosives:** While pushing material, a dozer exposed a live booster and primer.
- 4. Surface Operations:** A worker completed repairs on a tracked screener unit. While stepping down, the worker cut the inside of their knee on an exposed metal edge, resulting in a 4 cm laceration. First-aid was administered on site before the worker was brought to hospital for further assessment.
- 5. Surface Electrical:** A machine operator contacted an overhead powerline, resulting in the line falling onto the machine. An electrician attended to de-energize the line before the operator and machine were moved away.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A dozer was moving material for a shovel. While backing up, the dozer contacted a wall of material and rolled onto its side.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** The boom of a scoop started to lift unintentionally. The operator shut the machine down immediately.
- 8. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck operator smelled smoke and discovered a fire behind the seat. The operator put on a glove and used a rag to smother the flame.
- 9. Surface Explosives:** A booster was exposed by an excavator.

Comments: Machinery contact with overhead powerlines presents a significant risk to workers. Review the Hazard Alert on [“Contact with Overhead Powerlines”](#) for more information.