

Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Reported Incidents

Incidents Reported January 20th to 26th, 2025

- 1. **Surface Falling Object:** A worker was struck on the shoulder by a 1.3-kilogram aluminum tripod leg that fell from above during dismantling. The injured worker was sent to the clinic and cleared to return to work.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover: A dozer was pushing materials to a shovel when it tipped over. The dozer operator was sent to the clinic for a sore wrist.
- 3. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer was performing clean up near a shovel when it contacted the shovel, resulting in equipment damage.
- 4. Surface Fire: A fire was reported at the head pulley chute of a conveyor and was extinguished.
- 5. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A mechanic was called to inspect a loader for an alternator fault. During the inspection, the mechanic noticed a fire in the loader's battery box and the fire was extinguished.
- 6. **Surface Explosives:** A mobile mixing unit (MMU) bulk truck was loading a row when a blaster helper, preparing a hole, placed their explosives carry box outside the row. As the MMU turned to access the next row, the front driver's side tire contacted and damaged the carry box.
- 7. **Surface Fire:** A welder, elevated in a manlift to perform hotwork on a truck box inside the truck shop, noticed a fire on a wooden box used for cardboard recycling. The welder and their coworkers moved the box outside, covered it with a fire blanket, and extinguished the flames with snow.
- 8. **Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** A worker started a telehandler to warm it up and exited the cab to check on another job. Upon return, the telehandler was found idling with forks deployed in a snowbank approximately 64 meters away, with the shifter in drive and the parking brake disengaged.
- 9. **Surface Electrical:** The drill water truck operator climbed onto the drill and began locking it out while the drill was still running. During the lock out process, it caused a power loss to the drill and other mine areas.
- 10. **Surface Explosives:** A shovel operator identified a blasting booster mixed in with the material at the dig face.
- 11. **Surface Electrical:** An excavator was making a pipe bench for a water line when its bucket struck a buried 25kV power line, cutting one phase.

Comments: As per the Code section 4.4.26, buried pipelines, power cables and storage tanks must be plotted on surface mine plans and may require a system of stakes or signs on the surface. Code section 4.17.11 requires that, prior to starting excavation or drilling, the location of underground utility services in the area shall be accurately determined to ensure persons are not endangered.