



Ministry of
Mining and
Critical Minerals

Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported December 30th, 2024 to January 5th, 2025

1. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** While towing a haul truck, the tow truck broke traction and spun out. After regaining traction, a worker repositioned the tow boom for better grip. As the tow truck operator tried to move forward, the truck slid 190 feet backward, jackknifing against the berm.
2. **Surface Electrical Arc Flash:** Live shovel trailing cables were disconnected at the potheads, causing an electrical arc.
3. **Surface Explosives:** A shovel dug within 6 meters of loaded blast holes.
4. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** During operation of a light duty vehicle the operator heard a noise from under the hood and then saw flames coming out from both sides. The operator safely stopped, exited, and secured the vehicle with wheel chocks. Mine rescue was called to respond to the fire.
5. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A loaded haul truck was driving on a flat road to a dump pile. As it approached the dump pile the operator applied the service brakes, but the truck did not stop before contacting the dump pile, causing damage to the front end of the truck and a glycol spill.
6. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck was backing up to a shovel when the shovel operator noticed flames coming from the haul truck grid box.
7. **Surface Fire:** A fire alarm was activated at a booster station. The fire was located and suppressed with an extinguisher by a mine rescue team. The pump was isolated by the electrical team.

Comments: As per the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in British Columbia section 8.5.9, a blast pattern shall be clearly identified by posted signs to prevent the inadvertent access of vehicles. For more information on blasting visit [The Blasters' Handbook](#) from the International Society of Explosive Engineers and the [British Columbia Blasters' Handbook](#) | [WorkSafeBC](#).