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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported for the Week of December 25th to 31st, 2023

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A loaded haul truck travelling down a ramp experienced a grid box fire.
- 2. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** While pushing a hanging wall, a dozer backed up and rolled onto its side.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A loaded haul truck was travelling down a haul road and went into overspeed. While attempting to slow the truck, the brakes generated excessive heat, and both wheel motor covers caught fire. The operator extinguished the fire.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A haul truck crested the ramp. The operator attempted to slow the vehicle before using a runout ramp to bring it to a stop.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A loader backed up while turning with a full bucket and tipped onto its side.
- 6. Surface Geotechnical Fall of Ground:** Workers positioned along a highwall berm noted rocks tumbled off the highwall, most being caught by the catchment berm. One hard hat-sized rock is reported to have landed between the two workers.
- 7. Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** An excavator crossed a blast fence below a loaded pattern to access a ramp. In the process, the operator noticed drill stakes and backed out of the area.

- 8. Surface Working at Height:** While working on a dozer, a worker stood on the hood to access the box on the top of the cab and felt their feet slide out and fell onto the dozer tracks. Bruising and soreness on the knee, elbow and wrist were reported.
- 9. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck had just been loaded when the operator noticed flames coming from the rear passenger tire.
- 10. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A staged haul truck was waiting to be loaded, when another haul truck contacted the staged truck, damaging the cab and windshield.
- 11. Surface Blasting Explosives:** A dozer was pushing material and exposed a primed booster.
- 12. Surface Geotechnical Fall of Ground:** A worker travelling up a haul road came across approximately 40 tons of rock, which had blocked the road.

Comments: Properly designed and constructed runaway lanes provide an emergency option for out-of-control equipment to stop safely. In accordance with the code section 6.9.2, roadways exceeding a grade of 5% must have maintained runaway lanes or retardation barriers where conditions/risk warrant.