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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

Sharing safety with the mining industry



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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported for the Week of September 25th to October 1st, 2023

1. **Surface Maintenance:** A welder entered a crusher jaw to dislodge a drill bit with an oxyacetylene torch. After exiting, the jaws moved and rock shrapnel fell, almost hitting the worker.
2. **Surface Exploration:** A worker was walking down an access trail to a drill pad when they tripped, fell forward and landed on a log/branch with their chest—the impact caused an injury to the chest/sternum.
3. **Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment Fire:** Flames were observed coming from the grid box of an autonomous haulage truck. The haul truck was already stopped due to faulting out.
4. **Underground Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** The operator of a light-duty vehicle was driving up the decline and came to a stop above the tag board. The operator exited the vehicle and then the vehicle rolled backwards, coming to rest against the decline sidewall.
5. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** Power outage underground.
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7. **Surface Falling Workers:** A haul truck operator was on the truck deck washing the windows and mirrors when they backed up and fell, approximately 7.5 feet, down the access ladder. They suffered a fracture to the scapula and several ribs.
8. **Surface Blasting:** A dozer ran over four loaded holes.
9. **Surface Exploration:** A worker exiting a helicopter started walking up the slope. The helicopter pilot altered the angle of the rotors to prevent contact before the worker stopped.
10. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** The main underground fan shut down unexpectedly.
11. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A dozer working on a dump lift backed up in foggy conditions and backed over the crest berm causing the dozer to flip onto its roof and slide a few meters down the face of the dump. The worker had a headache, sore neck and back.
12. **Surface Explosives:** A detonator and booster casings were found on a pattern.
13. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck was being fueled when it drove away, travelling approximately one truck length before stopping.
14. **Surface Fire:** Flames were observed coming out of the exhaust of a portable heater. The heater was unplugged, and a fire extinguisher was used to reduce the heat on the heater.

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