



Office of the Chief
Inspector of Mines

Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

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Reported Incidents

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Incidents Reported January 6th to 12th, 2025

1. **Surface Dam/Dike Washout:** The containment berm around a settling pond failed and released sediment laden water to the neighboring property and water course.
2. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A truck box tipped over while reversing to a pile.
3. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A loaded haul truck slid into a berm while turning onto a ramp.
4. **Surface Fire:** A worker found a hot bearing on a rotary discharge air lock, and a small flame ignited when cooling air was applied but extinguished when the air was shut off.
5. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A pit utility crew was preparing to move a dozer over a cable. The spotter hooked up the cable and signaled a light vehicle operator to back in. During the operation, the spotter was pinched between the light vehicle and the dozer blade. The worker sustained a contusion but returned to full duties following a medical assessment.
6. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A loaded haul truck gained speed, and when the service brake failed, the operator used the runaway lane to bring the truck to a stop.
7. **Surface Autonomous Mobile Equipment:** Personnel entered an autonomous vehicle operation zone without the required layers of protection.
8. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer cleaning up near a shovel contacted the swinging shovel.
9. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A loaded haul truck tire blew after leaving the shovel.
10. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A mine experienced an unplanned stoppage of the main underground ventilation fans and restored power after fifteen minutes.
11. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A mine experienced an unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans and restored power after 25 minutes.
12. **Surface Fire:** A box caught fire on a stove at a warehouse. Mine emergency responded and verified the fire was extinguished by the sprinkler system.
13. **Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** A bench sloughed, approximately 30m wide.

14. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A haul truck released tire pressure from one of its tires.
15. **Surface Operations:** A worker was disassembling a gearbox when it rolled onto their leg. The worker was transported to medical aid for a suspected leg fracture.
16. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A mine experienced an unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans and restored power after approximately 25 minutes.
17. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A loaded haul truck's grid box caught fire and was extinguished with a handheld fire extinguisher.

Comments: Reversing equipment can pose significant risks to personnel working nearby. These risks can be managed by following safe reversing and spotting practices. For more information on backing up safely visit [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety \(CCOHS\)](#)