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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported February 3rd to 9th, 2025

- 1. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer was performing cleanup activities around a shovel. When the dozer reversed, it contacted a parked haul truck, resulting in damage to the front left side of the haul truck.
- 2. Underground Fire:** A technician was performing grinding work when sparks ignited residual grease under the work area, causing a fire on a steel surface. The fire was extinguished with an extinguisher.
- 3. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** An empty haul truck's grid box caught fire. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A crew bus with one passenger was passing a haul truck at a switchback. As the bus passed the haul truck's rear duals, the right rear inner tire blew out, causing damage to the crew bus's windshield and passenger windows.
- 5. Surface Operations:** A worker noticed a fire on old haul truck tires that were being used as gate markers. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
- 6. Underground Mobile Equipment Fire:** A light duty vehicle was travelling up a ramp when the operator smelled smoke, stopped, and noticed a fire on the exhaust. The operator manually activated the fire suppression system which extinguished the fire.
- 7. Surface Blasting:** A primer was found on the floor beside a shovel and identified as a known miss hole that had been barricaded earlier.
- 8. Surface Working at Height:** During maintenance work on a pebble crusher, a worker fell approximately 1.5 metres into the discharge chute.
- 9. Surface Operations:** While a dozer was moving a cable stand, the stand broke at the bottom of the base and fell to the ground at the same level.
- 10. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A worker entered an autonomous zone without the required layers of protections.
- 11. Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** A mine reported that an unattended rock ejector truck moved approximately 0.5 metres.
- 12. Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A mine experienced an unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans and restored power after ten minutes.

- 13. Surface Fire:** A worker noticed smouldering on wall cladding during welding activities. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
- 14. Underground Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** A haul truck was driving up the ramp towards the portal and surface, slid approximately 12 metres, and then came to rest.
- 15. Surface Operations:** A stemming truck was backing out of a wash bay. The operator exited the truck to operate the wash bay door control switch. As the door began to rise, a section of the door, weighing approximately 30 kilograms, fell approximately 3.5 metres to the ground.
- 16. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A loader was transporting cable reels when a coworker noticed a fire in the loader's engine compartment. The operator turned off the loader, secured it, and coworkers extinguished the fire.
- 17. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** While making a turn around the corner, a loaded haul truck struck the berm, resulting in damage to the handrails.
- 18. Surface Electrical:** During snow clearing operation, an excavator swung around, contacted a low voltage power line, and damaged a power pole.
- 19. Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** While making a turn around the corner, a loaded haul truck slid approximately nine metres and contacted the berm, resulting in damage to the front of the truck.

Comments: Falls from heights, even at low elevations, can lead to serious injuries. Controls such as planning, supervision, and training help prevent falls and reduce risks. When no other controls are sufficient to control the risk, proper use of personal protective equipment is crucial. Fall protection equipment is required when there is a risk of falling more than 3 metres and must meet the requirements of code section 4.4.1 Fall Arresting Devices.