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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported February 10th to 16th, 2025

- 1. Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A mine experienced an unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans and restored power after ten minutes.
- 2. Surface Gasses:** The blasters were loading and backfilling the hole when they noticed their gas detector alarm due to elevated levels of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) and subsequently evacuated the blast pattern.
- 3. Surface Fire:** A worker noticed a fire in a toolbox inside the shop. The fire was extinguished with an extinguisher.
- 4. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A shovel was loading a truck while a dozer was working nearby. When the shovel swung, rocks fell out of the bucket and contacted the dozer, damaging the cab window and door glass.
- 5. Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A fire occurred in the operator's cab while a mechanic was performing repairs on a haul truck. When the operator opened the cab door, they sustained a minor burn to their hand. The fire was extinguished with extinguishers and the operator received first aid.
- 6. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A backhoe was removing surface material to access a decommissioned underground waterline when it struck and severed a buried 600-volt electrical line. The operator stopped work, and the site electrician isolated the damaged electrical line.
- 7. Surface Mobile Equipment:** A worker entered the swing radius of a shovel while the shovel was operating.
- 8. Mobile Equipment Collision:** A light vehicle was travelling down a ramp at approximately 50 kilometres per hour. While turning the corner, it slid and collided with another light vehicle traveling up the ramp, resulting in soreness to both drivers.
- 9. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** An excavator was traveling on the berm of a sand cell when it slid and partially sloughed into the sand cell.

Comments: Workers should be aware of mobile equipment's danger zones, such as blind spots, swing radius, and travel path, and stay clear. If entering a danger zone is necessary, clear communication with the operator or safety spotter must be established. Maintaining clear communication and following established safe work practices are essential to preventing incidents.