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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

18

Incidents Reported August 10th to 16th, 2026

1. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** An unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans occurred. Ventilation was restored after approximately one hour.
2. **Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** A haul truck contacted a berm.
3. **Surface Blasting Explosives:** A dozer breached a loaded blast zone.
4. **Surface Fire that Threatened Persons/Equipment:** A battery pack caught fire in an office. The fire was extinguished by a fire extinguisher.
5. **Surface Blasting Misfires:** A potential misfire of explosives was identified following a blasting operation.
6. **Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** A light vehicle stopped on an incline to drop off a passenger and subsequently rolled backward into another parked light vehicle.
7. **Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** A light vehicle entered into an autonomous zone without the required layered of protections.
8. **Surface Blasting Misfires:** An excavator operator found a booster in the bucket while excavating.
9. **Surface Work at Height Falling Object:** A helicopter was transporting twelve timbers measuring approximately 140 millimetres × 140 millimetres × 4.88 metres at an exploration site. During transport, two timbers fell into an unoccupied wooded area.
10. **Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** An empty autonomous haul truck deviated from its path and came to rest in the oncoming lane.
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12. **Underground Mobile Equipment Collision:** A loaded haul truck reversing underground contacted and pinched a 600-volt bolter cable suspended from a wall.
13. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck's axle box caught fire. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.
14. **Surface Dust, Fumes & Gasses Flammable Gas:** A propane regulator located outside the mine operations building failed, resulting in the release of propane to the atmosphere.

- 15. Surface Mobile Equipment Unexpected Movement:** During loading activities, a shovel bucket dropped and contacted the rear of a haul truck. The haul truck operator was assessed at first aid for neck soreness.
- 16. Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** An unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans occurred. Ventilation was restored after approximately 30 minutes.
- 17. Surface Equipment Contact with Rotational Equipment:** While adjusting a jaw crusher, a worker was loosening a tension rod spring with a torque wrench when the tension rod broke. The worker sustained a laceration and fractured right hand and was transported to hospital.
- 18. Surface Mobile Equipment Other:** The No. 3 tire assembly detached from an empty water truck. The tire rolled approximately 48 metres and came to rest against a berm.

Comments: Mobile equipment collisions are among the most common reported mining incidents and pose a serious risk to workers. Review the new Health and Safety Notice for recommended control measures and important regulatory reminders.