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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

14

Incidents Reported August 17th to 23th, 2026

1. **Surface Falling Object:** During a SAG mill restart, a plugged distribution was being flushed when pressure buildup caused a Victaulic fitting to fail. Resulting in a section of pipe falling approximately 7 metres to the ground.
2. **Surface Falling Object:** A 0.5-kilogram puck was inadvertently left in a packer stuffing box and fell approximately 2 metres, deflecting off the drill head and striking a worker in the face. The worker was referred for medical treatment where stitches were required.
3. **Surface Electrical:** During drill cable work, workers inadvertently disconnected an energized electrical cable supplying power to a shovel.
4. **Surface Falling Object:** While a worker was clearing a blockage in a bin, material shifted and the bin tipped over and landed on a crusher conveyor belt, damaging a conveyor roller support. The worker remained on the bin and was able to descend safely.
5. **Surface Operations:** A worker operating a boat during barge repositioning became entangled in a rope after disconnecting the line between the vessels and was pulled into the water. The worker was wearing a personal floatation device and was rescued by workers on the barge. The worker sustained a fractured tibia and fibula.
6. **Underground Operations:** An underground conveyor belt broke while in operation and travelled backward resulting in belt material accumulating at the tail end of the conveyor.
7. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer reversed into a loaded haul truck that was positioning to dump.
8. **Surface Uncontrolled Blast:** Two workers were located approximately 10 metres inside the established blast exclusion zone when a scheduled blast was initiated. The individuals were not identified during the pre-blast clearance process due to a gap in blast notifications and a lack of awareness that their work location was within the exclusion zone.
9. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A haul truck's grid box caught fire. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire. Preliminary findings indicate paper towel may have contributed to the fire.

- 10. Surface Fire:** A haul truck experienced a low brake pressure alarm and loss of brake pedal pressure while reversing. The operator detected an unusual odor and small flames were observed in the engine compartment above the exhaust system. The fire was extinguished using portable fire extinguishers. The operator was medically assessed following the incident after reporting a headache.
- 11. Surface Slope Failure:** A slope failure occurred on a pad apron in an area showing signs of water-saturated soil. The area was isolated and barricaded to prevent access.
- 12. Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A mobile scraper lost power while ascending a haul road and rolled backward. The operator was able to safely stop the vehicle.
- 13. Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A haul truck contacted the mast of a parked drill during low-visibility conditions, displacing the drill and damaging the mast assembly.
- 14. Surface Fire:** Smoke and fire were reported inside a drill house. Mine rescue responded and extinguished the fire.

Comments: Blasting is a high-risk mining activity that can cause serious injury or death, damage equipment and infrastructure, and impact the public if not properly planned and controlled. Over the last 18 months, 71 blasting incidents have been reported. Review the new Blasting Safety Health and Safety Notice for recommended control measures.