



Ministry of
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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported August 31st to September 6th, 2026

1. **Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** A waste rock spoil failure occurred in an area under active monitoring. No personnel or equipment were on the spoil or within the run-out zone at the time of the incident.
2. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A dozer was cleaning up beside a shovel when the shovel's counterweight contacted the dozer during a swing movement, resulting in damage to the dozer's driver-side handrails.
3. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A pit supervisor noticed flame on a haul truck's exhaust pipe. The operator stopped the truck and activated the onboard fire suppression system and extinguished the fire.
4. **Surface Dust, Fumes & Gasses Toxic Gas:** Following a scheduled blast, post-blast fumes were carried into the mine yard by steady winds. Three workers were exposed before a shelter-in-place notification was issued and were transported to hospital for assessment. All were released without injury.
5. **Surface Equipment Contact with Rotational Equipment:** A worker inspecting trough rollers on an operating conveyor had their arm caught between a roller and the conveyor belt. The worker activated the emergency stop and freed their arm. They were assessed at first aid and transported to hospital for treatment of soft tissue injuries to the back of their right upper arm. The worker was released with modified duties and follow-up assessment requirements.
6. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** While troubleshooting a haul truck, an electrician observed smoke and flames coming from the grid box. The truck was shut down, mine rescue was notified, and the fire was extinguished.
7. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** An unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans occurred. Ventilation was restored after approximately 20 minutes.
8. **Surface Operations:** While applying lockout procedures during a conveyor belt replacement, a worker inadvertently opened the disconnect for another loaded conveyor that was in operation.

9. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** A site-wide power outage resulted in the stoppage of underground ventilation fans. Underground work was suspended and workers were evacuated to the surface
10. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A haul truck slid approximately 40 metres before its front-right wheel entered a soft shoulder. The truck came to rest against the haul road berm.
11. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** While positioning for washing inside a wash bay, a haul truck box contacted the wash bay structure, resulting in minor damage.
12. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** While stemming blast holes, the front-right tire of a stemming loader sank into the ground, causing the loader to roll onto its side. The operator was assessed at first aid.
13. **Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** An autonomous haul truck lost traction on a muddy ramp, slid backward approximately 3 metres, and crossed into the adjacent lane before regaining control.
14. **Surface Mobile Equipment Fire:** A small fire ignited during hot work on an excavator belly pan. The fire was blown out and a portable fire extinguisher was used as a pre-caution.
15. **Surface Fire:** A haul truck grid box caught fire while descending a ramp. The operator stopped and shut down the truck, and mine rescue extinguished the fire.
16. **Surface Electrical:** A site-wide power outage was traced to damage to an underground power cable, suspected to have occurred when mobile equipment travelled over the buried line. The affected area was isolated pending investigation.
17. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A dozer rolled onto its side while ripping material to construct an access ramp. Once the dozer was secured the operator safely exited the cab.
18. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A haul truck contacted a loader boom while backing into position for loading, causing the operator to be jarred. The operator reported back pain, was extricated and transported off site for medical assessment.
19. **Surface Electrical:** A main disconnect switch failed during equipment startup, damaging the electrical enclosure.

Comments: Effective September 2026, the Ministry has established the Prevention Services Unit to provide dedicated sustainable capacity for prevention, education, engagement, and leading practice promotion across the mining sector. Review the [Prevention Services](#) website for more information.