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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

16

Incidents Reported September 14th to 20th, 2026

1. **Surface Blasting Misfires:** A loader noticed misfired explosives while working at a pile.
2. **Underground Mobile Equipment Fire:** A bolter operator heard a popping noise and observed flames at the back of the equipment.
3. **Surface Blasting Misfires:** A mine reported a blasting misfire involving cut-off detonators.
4. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A rotary drill steel became detached, fell, and landed on the deck in front of the driller's cab.
5. **Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** An autonomous haul truck travelling at approximately 24 kilometres per hour slid, spun approximately 50 degrees, and entered the oncoming lane.
6. **Surface Geotechnical Fall of Ground:** A fall of ground involving approximately 3,020 square metres across three benches occurred. The instability was proactively identified through radar monitoring, and personnel and equipment were removed from the area before the failure occurred.
7. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A loaded articulated dump truck's box tipped over while the cab remained upright.
8. **Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** Following rainfall events, a series of washouts measuring approximately 4 metres wide and 1.5 metres deep developed on the downstream face of an embankment.
9. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** An unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans occurred. Ventilation was restored after approximately 20 minutes.
10. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A service truck travelling downhill experienced a loss of braking capability.
11. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A haul truck with a deflated number six tire was travelling to a tire pad for replacement when the tire detached. The haul truck subsequently rolled into a berm and a power pole.
12. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A loader backed into a parked drill.
13. **Underground Ventilation Stoppage:** An unplanned stoppage of the underground ventilation fans occurred. Ventilation was restored after approximately 15 minutes.

- 14. Surface Blasting Misfires:** An excavator operator identified a misfired booster while loading a haul truck.
- 15. Surface Working at Height Falling Objects:** While pulling a deep-water well, the final section of a drop pipe failed, causing a 900-kilogram pump and motor assembly to fall approximately 90 metres into the well. A worker sustained a knee injury after being struck by copper lifting cables. The worker was assessed at first aid and transported to hospital. The injury resulted in lost time from work.
- 16. Surface Electrical Shock:** A welder and a mechanic received electrical shocks while performing routine maintenance on a haul truck in the shop.

Comments: Transitioning to the fall season brings reduced daylight hours and changing environmental conditions that pose risks to mining operations and worker safety. The drop in visibility increases the likelihood of vehicle collisions, slips, trips, and falls, while shifting weather patterns can compromise ground stability and equipment performance. Additionally, the decrease in natural sunlight can negatively impact workers' physical well-being and mental health, often leading to fatigue, seasonal affective disorder (SAD), and reduced alertness on the job. Ensure operators are prepared and well rested for operating equipment.