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Weekly Summary of Reportable Incidents

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Reportable Incidents

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Incidents Reported October 19th to 25th, 2026

1. **Surface Fire that Threatened Persons/Equipment:** An empty hoist rope reel in the storage yard caught fire. The fire was extinguished using a portable fire extinguisher.
2. **Surface Operations:** While descending a staircase from the upper mine office to the lower laydown area, a worker stumbled and slipped down five stairs. The worker was assessed at first aid and transported to hospital with a fractured fibula.
3. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** After leaving the shovel, a loaded haul truck was travelling up a ramp when its #2 tire blew, damaging the windshield and the front right side of the truck.
4. **Surface Geotechnical Unstable Face:** The mine reported a slope instability event that developed over several weeks and was identified through routine monitoring.
5. **Surface Dust, Fumes & Gasses Flammable Gas:** A mechanic reported an audible alarm in the saturated rock fill area. Mine rescue determined that the methanol lower explosive limit (LEL) detector had activated. The methanol tank was isolated, and the pumps were shut down.
6. **Surface Working at Height Falling Objects:** Field crews found drill pipes in a forested area that had fallen from a helicopter.
7. **Surface Geotechnical Slope Failure:** A section of the double-bench wall in a pit failed, slid down, and contacted an operating shovel.
8. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A light vehicle entered a ditch and rolled onto its side.
9. **Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** Flyrock from a blast penetrated the roof of an unoccupied van trailer.
10. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** A remote-controlled drill tipped onto its side while drilling at the face.
11. **Surface Operations:** While fusing a 900 mm diameter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, a worker's finger was pinched between the open ends of two pipes. The worker was assessed at first aid and transported to hospital with finger and hand injuries.
12. **Surface Blasting Uncontrolled Blast:** Flyrock from a blast contacted a drill and damaged its rear window.
13. **Surface Working at Height Falling Workers:** An operator using a track shovel in an engine compartment stepped backward and fell approximately 1.9 metres to the ground. The operator was assessed at first aid and transported to hospital.

14. **Surface Mobile Equipment Out of Control:** A light vehicle travelling downhill at approximately 20 km/h experienced insufficient braking, contacted a berm, and came to a stop.
15. **Surface Operations:** A worker walking along a road tripped and fell. The worker was assessed at first aid and transported to hospital.
16. **Surface Mobile Equipment Rollover:** An excavator was loading an articulated dump truck when the bench toe sloughed out. The excavator operator used the bucket to stabilize the excavator against the truck, causing the truck's box to roll over.
17. **Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** A worker entered an active autonomous haulage zone without the required layers of protection in place.
18. **Surface Mobile Equipment:** A passenger bus approached a haul truck without confirming its approach by radio. The haul truck subsequently moved approximately one truck length while the bus was parked about 3 metres away on the truck's blind side.
19. **Surface Electrical Shock:** A worker experienced an electrical shock to their thumb while operating a remote-controlled water cannon in the steam bay. The worker was assessed at first aid and transported to hospital.
20. **Surface Mobile Equipment Autonomous:** A loaded autonomous haul truck travelling toward the dump detected a fault and stopped. A loader operator subsequently observed a fire in the truck's grid box. Mine rescue responded.
21. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** While spreading a load, a haul truck's box contacted a cable stand, resulting in a loss of power to a shovel.
22. **Surface Mobile Equipment Collision:** A drill contacted and damaged a water truck hose while the water truck was supplying water to the drill.

Comments: Falls often result from slips and trips caused by wet, icy, oily, or uneven surfaces, poor lighting, clutter, or other hazards. Falls from heights, even at low elevations, can lead to serious injuries. Controls such as planning, supervision, and training help prevent falls and reduce risks. Fall arresting devices are required when there is a risk of falling more than 3 metres and must meet the requirements of code section 4.5.01 Fall Arresting Devices.