



Potential Fatal Event: Excavator Hits Pickup Truck

Preliminary Incident Details	
Operation	Cerro Verde
Date / Time	August 16, 2024 / 11:21 p.m.
Event Type	Property Damage
Summary	<p>An excavator on the slope of a tailings dam abruptly became unresponsive. The operator lost control of the machine, which traveled approximately 250 meters (820 feet) down the slope of the dam, finally stopping after impacting a parked pickup truck.</p> <p>The operator of the pickup truck had observed the unusual movement of the excavator and was alerted of the movement by radio. When the excavator was approximately 60 meters (197 feet) from the pickup truck's position, the operator exited the truck and walked to a safe area.</p>
Risk Category	Actionable – Significant (3) Likely (3)
Findings / Missing Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No controls have been found to be missing however, the equipment was sent to the supplier to investigate for potential equipment failure.
Applicable Policies / Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FCX-23 Interaction with Heavy Mobile Equipment- Surface.Cerro Verde procedure - Installation and removal of HDPE discharge lines at Tailings Dam.
Employee Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No injuries.
Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Helbert Galdos, Manager-Tailings and Water

Photos / Links



Multiple angles of the excavator and pickup truck after impact.