

March 29th, 2016 Vault oil spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted March 31st, 2016 by Agnico Eagle Meadowbank division. This detailed report is submitted to the Inspector in compliance with the conditions under the Nunavut Water Board License 2AM-MEA1525, Part H, Item 8c.

Spill Description

On March 29th, the hydraulic pressure gauge on drill RBD 02 burst and the oil contained in the hydraulic system leaked out of the machine before they could stop the engine.

There were no off site impact or discharge to any receiving watercourses.

Spill location: Northing: 65'04'23" Easting: 95'59'52"

Cause of Spill

Mechanical failure as the hydraulic gauge burst.

Remediation Actions

The machine was turned off and the spill contained with absorbent pads. The contaminated pads were sent to the HAZMAT area and the contaminated soil excavated and disposed at the landfarm. An estimated volume of 12m³ of contaminated material was collected.





Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on March 29th, 2016 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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