

April 12th, 2016 Vault drill spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted April 13th, 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 April 12th, 2016, drill RBD02 was drilling in Vault pit when a control unit on the equipment failed and caused hydraulic oil to be spill on the ground



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

Cause of Spill

The spill was caused by a defective multi-gauge assembly unit on the drill assembly. It is used for testing and adjusting pressures within the drill.

Remediation Actions

Containment was built using surrounding material from the blast pattern. Absorbent pads were also laid out underneath the drill.

The area was then cleaned with a loader. Caution had to be taken since the area is located in the vicinity of a blast pattern.

Contaminated material was brought to the Landfarm and absorbent pads were properly disposed of.



Area before clean-up

Area after clean-up

Corrective measures

An assessment was completed by the Maintenance department at MBK. Since the root cause seems to be related to a defective part, the applied corrective action was that all multi-gauge assemblies were removed and changed on the drilling equipment found at Meadowbank.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on March 13th, 2016 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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