



May 3rd, 2016 Vault backhoe spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted May 3rd, 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 May 3rd at 21:00, Backhoe #6 was working in Vault pit when a valve from the hydraulic system busted causing the oil to spill onto the ground



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

Cause of Spill

The spill was caused by a busted valve from the hydraulic system. The operator shut down the equipment right away to prevent further contamination than called a mechanic to do the repairs on the equipment

Remediation Actions

The spill on the ground was picked up immediately, backhoe gathered contaminated material onto a spot than was picked up using a 980 loader and brought to the yellow roll-off bin. Once placed in yellow roll-off bin, Site Services were contacted to empty the bin at the landfarm



Area after clean-up

Corrective measures

Modifications were made in the preventive maintenance log and planning to address specific inspections of hoses on equipment. A visual inspection was already being done on equipment, but a specific item related to hose inspections is now included to PM's executed on those type machinery. The item "[Inspect all hydraulic hoses for leaks or potential failures](#)" was added to the planning module and is now part of all hydraulic systems maintenance.

Also, 2ndary containments have been made and distributed to prevent spilling onto the ground and advised to use them during replacing or repairing equipment. Tool box meetings with departments have been completed to discuss the use of 2ndary containments.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on May 3rd, 2016 of the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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