

May 11th, 2016 Vault backhoe spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted May 12th, 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 11th, 2016, backhoe 10 was working in Vault pit when a cylinder of the bucket broke apart causing 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 when the cylinder split apart while loading the bucket with material and resulted in catastrophic failure of the piece.

Remediation Actions

The backhoe was repaired and removed from the location as soon as possible; the area was then cleaned with a loader.

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



Corrective measures

The cylinders on site are inspected regularly for possible defects and wear. Hours are also tracked for them and they are changed systematically after thresholds are met. For the specific event on the cylinder of backhoe 10, after inspections, there were no visible signs that could have foretold the failure.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on May 11th, 2016 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Allard'.

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