

May 19th, 2016 BACKHOE 10 spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted May 19th, 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 19th, 2016, a main hydraulic hose broke on backhoe #10 causing hydraulic oil to be spilled on the ground and pit wall



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

Spill location: Northing 65'04'24" Easting 95'59'52"

Cause of Spill

The spill was caused by a main hydraulic hose failure on the boom stick.



Remediation Actions

The backhoe was stopped immediately then repaired and removed from the location as soon as possible; the area was then cleaned with a loader. An estimated volume of 16m³ of contaminated material was collected and brought to the Landfarm



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.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on May 19th, 2016 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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