

May 14th, 2016 Vault haultruck spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted May 14th, 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 14th, 2016, haul truck #34 was parked at Vault area when the hydraulic pump failed causing hydraulic oil to be sprayed on the ground



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

Cause of Spill

The spill was caused when the pump on the haul truck failed. The pump was just previously changed for usual maintenance. When the haul truck started for its hauling work, the new pump case split apart, spraying hydraulic oil.

Remediation Actions

The haul truck was stopped immediately. A secondary container was put in place to catch the falling hydraulic oil and absorbent pads were laid out on the ground. When the truck was repaired and could be moved, the contaminated soil was collected with a loader.

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



Corrective measures

The pump that failed was just newly installed on the haul truck. Once it was removed from the equipment it was inspected to assess for any defects. Visual inspections could not indicate any issues. A new pump was installed in the haul truck, it worked without any problems.

Replacement pumps in inventory on site are also planned to be inspected to see if any correlation could be found with the failed pump.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on May 14th, 2016 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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