



February 12th, 2017 Vault BAC11 spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted February 13th 2017 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

During operations at Vault pit, the operator of the backhoe noticed that the shovel of the equipment was leaking oil.

Spill location: Easting 65'04'25" 95'59'54"

There were no off site impact or discharge to any receiving watercourses. The distance to the closest lake is estimated at 1050 meters.



Cause of Spill

The spill was caused by a broken fitting on the main hydraulic pump of the backhoe.

Remediation Actions

The equipment was stopped immediately. Once the equipment was repaired in field and could safely be removed, the area was cleaned. The contaminated material removed was brought to the landfarm area.



Corrective measures

The hydraulic system including hoses and fittings are inspected as part of the preventive maintenance program done on site. Also, evidence of wear and/or fatigue is communicated during the daily pre-operational checks.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on February 12th, 2017 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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