

March 13th, 2017 Pit E5 BAC13 spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted March 14th 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 pit E5, a part of the backhoe swing pump failed causing hydraulic oil to spill on the ground.

Spill location: Easting 65'00'42" 96'03'04"

There were no off site impact or discharge to any receiving watercourses. The distance to the closest lake is estimated at 150 meters.



Cause of Spill

The spill was caused when the swing pump and a seal failed on the loading unit.

Remediation Actions

The equipment had to be moved to proceed to the field repair. This action caused some hydraulic oil to be spread in the movement zone. The surface of the affected area was cleaned, coarseness of the material making recovery difficult. 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. Routine visual inspection of the hydraulic system is also performed during pre-operations checks.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on March 13th, 2017 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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