

April 8th, 2017 Vault BAC13 spill

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted April 8th 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 backhoe operator noticed that hydraulic oil was leaking for the equipment causing oil to spill on the ground.

Spill location: Easting 65'04'28" 96'00'08"

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 failure of a bolt on the swivel manifold, causing an O-ring to fail on the travel valve to the swivel hydraulic hose

Remediation Actions

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. Routine visual inspection of the hydraulic system is also performed during preoperations checks.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank on April 8th, 2017 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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