

2019-08-10 MBK 150 Liters Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report (2019-320) submitted August 10, 2019 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-MEA1526, Part H, Item 8c.

Spill Description

During operations at Pit E, a hydraulic hose on the backhoe hammer failed causing a spill.



Location Coordinates of the spill: Northing 65°00'49.1", Easting 96°03'08.7" on IOL

There were no off site impact or discharge to any receiving watercourses. The distance to the closest lake is estimated at 500 meters.

Cause of Spill

Broken hydraulic fitting/hose on backhoe.

Remediation Actions

The backhoe was stopped and absorbent pads were put on the ground. Once the fitting and hose was replaced, the backhoe was moved and the absorbent pads were picked up and brought to the Hazmat storage area. The contaminated material was collected and brought to the Meadowbank landfarm. Approximately 8m3 was brought to the landfarm.

Corrective measures

The hydraulic system is inspected as part of the preventive maintenance program done on site. Pre-operation checks also include visual inspection of the equipment.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on August 10, 2019 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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