

2020-10-21 MBK 200L Waste Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted October 21, 2020 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-MEA1530, Part H, Item 8c.

Spill Description

During operations at Meadowbank, the loader operator was moving a tote of waste oil into a sea can with a skid steer when the bottom metal bracket of the tote broke, causing the waste oil tote to slips on the forks and tip on a angle.



Spill location: 65° 03'13.61" 96°05'36.94"

There were no off-site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 150 meters to an unnamed lake NW of the Emulsion plant.

Cause of Spill

The lid on the tote was not secured properly. When the tote tipped on an angle the lid came off causing oil to spill on the ground.

Remediation Actions

The tote was tipped upright, and the lid was replaced. A loader with bucket immediately removed the contaminated material on the ground. Approximately 4m3 of contaminated material was collected and placed into a roll off bin. The roll off bin was then dumped at the Meadowbank land farm.



Corrective measures

Operators/workers are advised to secure all tote lids prior to transporting.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on October 21, 2020 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

