



2021-10-19 MBK 250kg Lead Nitrate

GN reference #: 2021-450

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted October 19, 2021 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, a damaged lead nitrate bag was placed into a secondary mega bag to prevent a spill. The mega bag was not properly identified and mistaken for general waste during the next shift and brought to the landfill.



Spill location: 65°1'1.3" 96°03'50" on IOL.

There were no off site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 750 meters to Dog Leg Lake.

Cause of Spill

The damaged mega bag was placed into a secondary bag that was unidentified. Communication regarding the mega bag from dayshift night shift operators was not transferred.

Remediation Actions

The dayshift operator advised the supervisor who immediately notified Environment. Mill workers identified the damaged Lead Nitrate bag at the landfill and barricaded the area off. The vacuum truck and excavator were used to collect the spilled Lead Nitrate and brought to the tailings area at Meadowbank where it was buried. The lead nitrate remaining in the original mega bag was brought back to the Mill for use. Approximately 2m3 of contaminated material was buried within the south cell tailings area.



Corrective measures

A full investigation and safety meeting were completed by the Mill to reinforce the importance of identifying the secondary container. Discussion with buyers to set the standards with the chemical suppliers regarding proper placement of mega bags in seacans.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on October 19, 2021 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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