



2022-06-25 MBK 200L Diesel Exhaust Fluid

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted June 25, 2022 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 the Meadowbank site, an operator was placing a tote into a shipping container near the Maintenance shop and did not notice the metal support bracket around the tote was damaged. When the tote was placed into the shipping container, the damaged bracket punctured the tote next to it causing diesel exhaust fluid to spill onto the floor of the container as well as the ground.



Spill location: Northing 65' 01'17.9" Easting 96'04'4.01"

There were no off-site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 450 meters to Third Portage Lake.

Cause of Spill

A visual inspection of the tote was not completed prior to loading it into the seacan.

Remediation Actions

Spill pads were placed on the ground and a loader was immediately brought at the maintenance shop area to scrape the contaminated material. Approximately 1m³ was collected into a roll off and was brought to the Meadowbank landfarm.



Corrective measures

An investigation into the root causes of the spill has been completed. The procedure for offloading is being updated to ensure drivers perform a circle check before leaving tank farm. This procedure will then be communicated to all Arctic Fuel drivers. Furthermore, cameras will be procured and installed on the telehandlers, allowing for additional visibility for the operators.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on June 25, 2022 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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