



2023-02-04 MBK 250L Washer Fluid

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted February 4, 2023, 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 tote with a damaged valve was being transferred into a new tote. During the transfer, the worker observed a leak coming from the new tote. Upon investigation, the new tote had a small puncture near the bottom of the tote. The new tote containing approx. 250L of washer fluid was placed into a roll off bin. The operator left the damaged tote in the roll off bin and the tote emptied itself through the puncture and spilled onto the ground.



Spill Location: 65° 0'57.4"N 96° 4'7.18"W on IOL

There was no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 200m to Third Portage Lake.

Cause of Spill

A visual inspection of the new reservoir was not completed prior to the transfer.

Remediation Actions

Upon discovery of the spill, a loader was mobilized to scraped clean the area. Approximately 4m³ of contaminated snow and material was collected and brought to the South cell tailings area.



Corrective measures

An investigation into the root causes of the spill has been completed. The procedure for the transfer of fluids from damaged reservoir is being updated to ensure the visual inspection phase of the new container is included and captured in the process. This procedure will then be communicated to the department's workers.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on February 4, 2023 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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