

2023-06-03 MBK 1500L Waste Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted June 3rd, 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 an inspection of the warehouse laydown area, oil was observed leaking from a sea-can in the Waste Oil sea-can row. The sea-can was placed on the ground and the totes were removed. Upon further inspection, two totes had frozen and expanded causing oil to leak onto the sea-can floor as well as onto the ground within the laydown area.





Spill Location: N 65' 1'2.46" W96' 4'14.35 on IOL

There were no-off site impacts or discharges to any receiving water courses. The distance to the closest water body is 190m from Third Portage Lake.

Cause of Spill

Improper storage

Remediation Actions

Absorbent materials were immediately placed on the ground to contain and collect the spill and additional sea-cans were removed to access the area. The vacuum truck, absorbent material and loader were used to collect and clean the area. ~ 6.5 m3 of contaminated soil was brought to the Meadowbank Landfarm. In addition, ~58m3 of contaminated water was collected and brought to the Storm Water Management Pond as per the Meadowbank Water Management Plan. This volume was due to freshet conditions around site during the time of the spill. A total of 2 quatrex bags (~2m³) filled with contaminated absorbent material was disposed of at the Meadowbank Hazmat in accordance with the waste management plan.





Corrective measures

The remaining waste oil sea-cans awaiting transportation down south were moved to a new lay down area further from Third Portage Lake. A visual inspection of all other waste oil sea-cans was conducted and sea-cans that were contaminated with waste oil were cleaned before being transferred to the new laydown area. A new site standard for storage and handling of waste sea-cans is being created.

<u>Closure</u>

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on June 3rd, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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