

2024-01-10 MBK 500L Waste Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted January 11th, 2024, 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

A telehandler operator was placing a tote of waste oil inside the LHT Service Dome, near the MBK Tankfarm, as the operator was angling the forks, the tote slid off and fell onto its side bursting the cap. As a result, approximately 500L of waste oil was spilled onto the frozen ground.



Spill Location: 65° 00'55.5"N 96°03'53.6"W on IOL

There were no offsite impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 220 m to Third Portage Lake.

Cause of Spill

Human Error

Remediation Actions

Spill pads were immediately placed on the ground. Approximately 2 cubic meters of material was collected and brought to the Meadowbank landfarm. The absorbent material was disposed of at the Meadowbank Hazmat facility.





Corrective measures

A comprehensive review of the incident and investigation, encompassing all crews, was completed. Furthermore, alternative methods for refilling the furnaces with waste oil are being explored to minimize or eliminate the need for handling totes during this process.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on January 10th, 2024, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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