



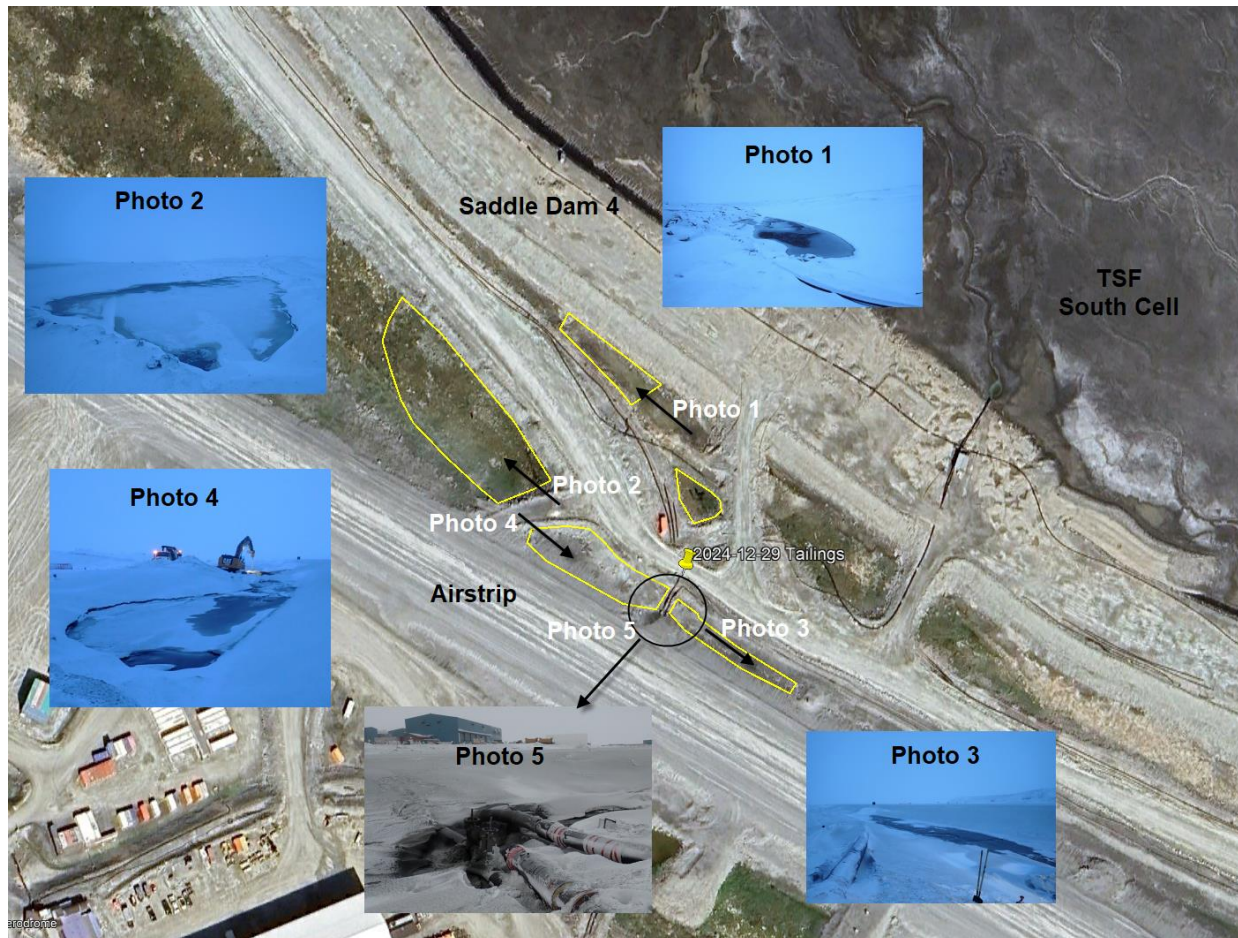
2024-12-29 MBK 900m3 Tailings

GN reference #: 2024-482

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted December 29th, 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

During regular operations, an operator noticed tailings pooling around the tailings line between the air strip and the Saddle Dam 4 infrastructure. Further investigation revealed that the pipe had failed at the gate valve flanges, releasing approximately 900 cubic meters of material onto the ground.



Spill Location: N 65° 01'25.0 W 96° 03'48.9" on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges to any receiving watercourse. After investigation it was determined that the spill got closer to the lake than it was first reported. Distance to the closest lake is ~620m to Third Portage Lake.

Cause of Spill

Equipment failure

Remediation Actions

The process plant immediately switched to water before proceeding with the complete shut down of the circuit to stop the spill. As of today, approximately 692 cubic meters of contaminated snow and tailings were removed and disposed of within the tailings storage facility. Additionally, the tailings slurry and contaminated material remaining in the area will be removed and disposed of in the TSF. These operations will be carried out during favorable weather conditions.





Corrective measures

An investigation is on-going to determine the root causes of the spill and implement appropriate corrective actions. As part of the on-going investigation, the gate valve will be assessed to determine the cause of failure. An on-site inspection was completed of the tailings line system to ensure no similar valves were not in use, prior to restarting tailings deposition. Further corrective actions can be shared ,upon request, once the investigation has been concluded.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on December 29th, 2024, and the on-going cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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