



2023-01-05 MBK 400L Diesel

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted January 6, 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 loaded diesel fuel tanker operated by Arctic Fuel was travelling northbound on the AWAR to Meadowbank. The tanker went off the road at KM97 and tipped over, spilling 400L of Diesel fuel from the top vent and fuel cap.



Spill location: 65°01'47.3"N 96°09'45.9"W on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 300 meters to Third Portage Lake.

Cause of Spill

The operator of the diesel fuel tanker was reaching to adjust his Sepura radio and took his eyes off the road. While reaching for his radio, the tanker drifted to the East side of the road, got pulled into the snow at the shoulder of the road and tipped over.

Remediation Actions

ERT and Environment were called to the scene. Spill pads and spill booms were immediately placed on the ground. A tarp was used to create a secondary containment at the fuel leak and immediately pumped back into the vacuum truck. The fuel in the tanker on its side was transferred into an empty tanker. Fuel collected in the secondary containment was pumped into the vacuum truck. The fuel tanker contained 36,075L and 35,675L was recovered, accounting for a loss of 400L of Diesel fuel. The area was scraped clean and approximately 21m³ of contaminated snow and material was collected and brought to the Meadowbank landfarm.



Corrective measures

The All-Weather Access road and Whale Tail haul road transportation standard operating procedure will be modified to include “all vehicles/equipment must come to a complete stop when using the dial function on a Sepura base radio”. Site wide communication package will be sent to ensure all workers/operators of vehicles understand the changes to the transportation procedure. AEM will also investigate the possibility of having a hands-free communication device for all mobile equipment.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on January 5, 2023 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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