



MEADOWBANK COMPLEX

Monitoring Program Summary Report

February 2022

Type A Water License 2AM-MEA1530

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SECTION 1 • BACKGROUND

On May 13, 2020, Agnico received the minister's approval for the Water License 2AM-MEA1530 Amendment No.4. This amendment was required to authorize changes to the previously-approved uses of water and deposit of wastes needed to reflect the expansion of the Whale Tail Pit Project.

As required under Part I, Item 21 of Type A Water License 2AM-MEA1530 (Amendment No.4), this report documents the water management and monitoring activities at the mine site for the month. This includes water usage, Vault Attenuation Pond and Phaser Attenuation Pond discharge and water quality, East Dike Seepage discharge water quality, RSF Seepage, Central Dike Seepage, Assay Road Seepage, sewage treatment plant discharge water quality (which is directed to the onsite storm water management pond) and an update to the In-Pit disposal.

In addition, a summary of spills/actions for the month is reported.

SECTION 2 • WATER MANAGEMENT

2.1 WATER USAGE

Fresh water usage for the month is summarized in Table 2.1 below

Table 2.1: Freshwater Usage (m³)

Water Location	Source Lake	Jan	Feb	Total
Camp	Third Portage Lake	2,500	2,859	
Mill (freshwater tank)	Third Portage Lake	49,833	210,782	
Emulsion plant	Unnamed Lake	48	14	
Total Freshwater Usage (m³)		52,380	213,655	266,035
Ore Water (m³)	Ore	1,927	3,310	5,237
Reclaim Water Usage (m³)	Tailings Pond	266,541	72,375	338,916

2.2 WASTE ROCK STORAGE FACILITY SEEPAGE

In February, no water was pumped back to the North Cell TSF from the ST-16 sump. There was no sampling completed at WEP1 (Station ST-30) and WEP2 (Station ST-31) during the month as they were frozen.

Agnico Eagle completed inspections at the Portage and Vault RSFs, no non-conformities were found during the month.

2.3 CENTRAL DIKE SEEPAGE

In February, no water was pumped from ST-S-5 sump to Portage Pits and 9,143 m³ of water was pumped from ST-S-5 to the South Cell of the TSF. Sampling was conducted minimally on a monthly basis at ST-S-5 as per the requirements of the NWB water license.

Visual inspections are completed monthly, by the Environment Department, as well as daily monitoring of piezometric values.

2.4 ASSAY ROAD SEEPAGE

In February, no water was pumped from the mill trench back to the mill due to frozen conditions. Agnico Eagle completed inspections and no non-conformities were found during the month.

2.5 SEEPAGE AND RUNOFF FROM THE LANDFILL

The landfill was inspected weekly and no seepage or runoff was observed.

2.6 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

One (1) effluent wastewater sample was collected at the onsite sewage treatment plant (STP) in February.

The Seprotech STP results are shown in Table 2.6.1 below; the LJ-Mix STP results are shown in Table 2.6.2. The effluent from the STP is discharged to the Stormwater Management pond.

In February, no water was pumped from the Stormwater Management pond to the tailings storage facility.

Table 2.6.1: Seprotech Effluent Results

Parameters	Units	February 23, 2022
Ammonia (NH ₃)	mg N/L	0.0078
Ammonia-Nitrogen (NH ₃ -NH ₄)	mg N/L	24
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg N/L	26
BOD-5	mg/L	4
COD	mg/L	61
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	6
Nitrate	mg N/L	37.3
Nitrite	mg N/L	0.027
pH*	Units	5.80
Fecal Coliform	UFC/100 mL	10
Total Coliform	UFC/100 mL	1400

*Parameter measured by STP operators

Table 2.6.2: LJ-Mix Effluent Results

Parameters	Units	February 23, 2022
Ammonia (NH ₃)	mg N/L	0.0015
Ammonia-Nitrogen (NH ₃ -NH ₄)	mg N/L	12
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg N/L	14
BOD-5	mg/L	9
COD	mg/L	43
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	14
Nitrate	mg N/L	24.7
Nitrite	mg N/L	0.012
pH*	Units	5.40
Fecal Coliform	UFC/100 mL	<10
Total Coliform	UFC/100 mL	1200

*Parameter measured by STP operators

2.7 VAULT ATTENUATION POND EFFLUENT

No discharge has occurred from the Vault Attenuation Pond since October 9, 2017. There is currently no plan to restart the discharge in the future.

2.8 PHASER ATTENUATION POND

No water was pumped from the Phaser Attenuation Pond during the month.

No water was transferred from BB Phaser Pit sumps to the Phaser Attenuation Pond during the month.

2.9 EAST DIKE SEEPAGE EFFLUENT

No water was discharged from the East Dike to Second Portage Lake during the month. In February, water from the East Dike was discharged to Pit B.

2.10 NON CONTACT WATER

Portage Area East diversion ditch (ST-5) and West diversion ditch (ST-6) were not sampled in February due to the diversion ditches being frozen. Sampling is conducted during open water conditions.

2.11 IN-PIT DISPOSAL

Tailings were disposed of in Portage Pit E and reclaim water was taken from Portage Pit A for the month.

SECTION 3 • SPILL MANAGEMENT

Figure 3.1 shows reported and non-reported spills for 2022 broken down per month and Table 3.1 summarizes Agnico Eagle spill reports for February.

Four (4) spills occurred on site during the month with one (1) reported to regulators. Spills were contained and cleaned, contaminated material was disposed to the appropriate area, and the clean-up actions were monitored closely by the Environment Department.

Figure 3.1 2022 Reported and Non-Reported Spills

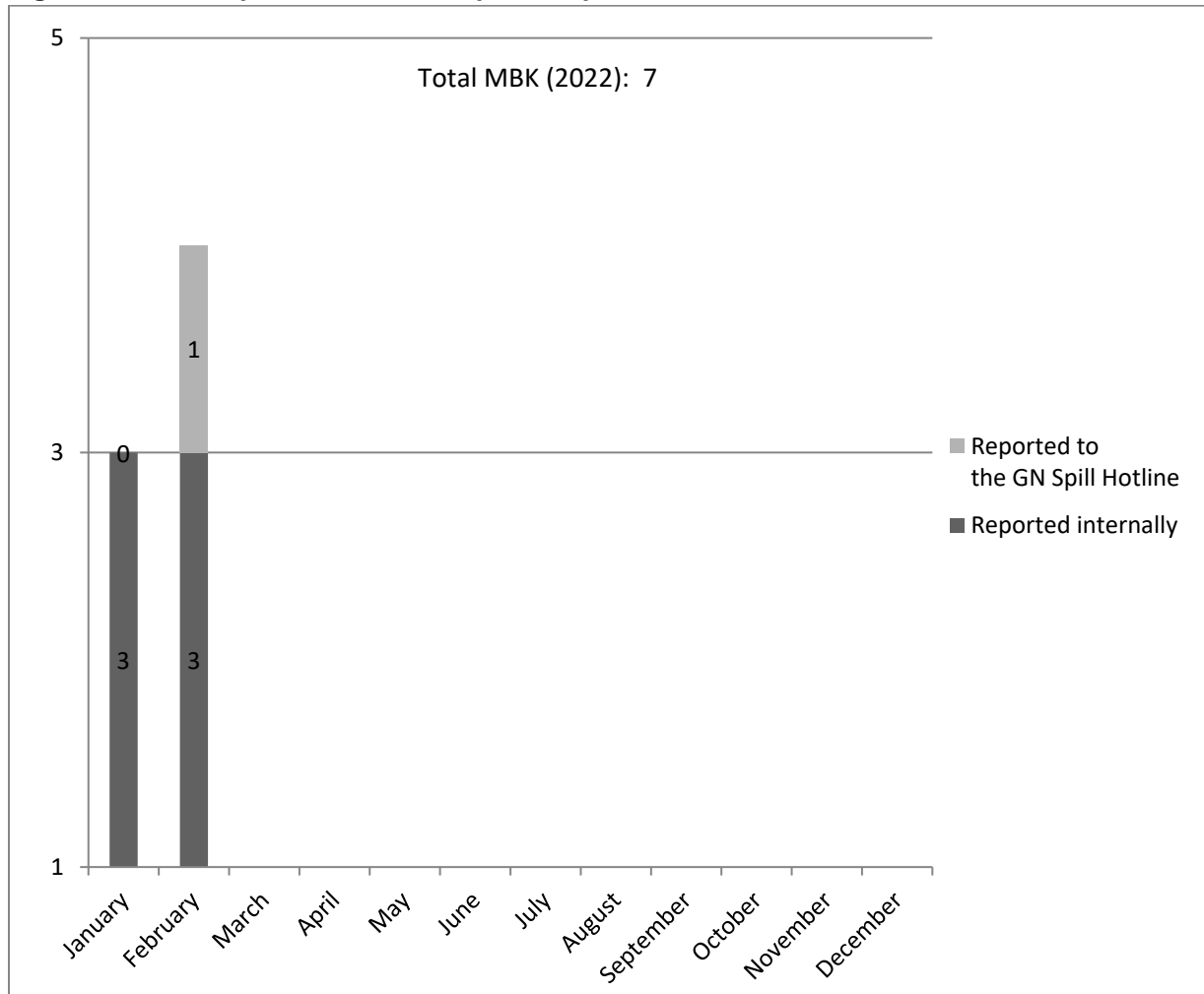


Table 3.1: Summary of Agnico Eagle Internal and Reported Spill Reports, February 2022

Date of Spill	Hazardous Material	Qty	Units (L / Kg)	Location	Cause of spill	Clean-up action taken
2/17/2022	Coolant	5	L	Meadowbank Transit Laydown	Equipment failure	Contaminated snow was picked up and properly disposed of in the landfarm.
2/22/2022	Hydraulic Oil	25	L	Primary Crusher	Equipment failure	Material was brought to the contaminated soil pile for disposal.
2/24/2022	Diesel Fuel	20	L	Baker Lake Fuel Farm	Equipment malfunction	Spill was contained, and contaminated soil and snow was picked up and disposed of appropriately. Contaminated soil will be shipped to Meadowbank.
2/27/2022	Diesel Fuel	700	L	Pit E Reclaim Station	Damaged fuel tank	The spilled contaminant was fully contained within the tailing storage facilities. To prevent the incident from occurring in the future the technique used to transfer the pump into its shell was re-evaluated and changed. Furthermore, a reminder was communicated to workers to complete a visual inspection of all work area as part of the inspection phase prior to starting a task.