

Follow Up Report – Spill # 2017359 September 22nd 2017 Punctured Tote

Description of Exceedance:

On September 22nd 2017, when off-loading totes of oil from a trailer, the operator was setting two totes together and had his forks set too high and hit the plastic portion of the tote and the forks punctured the tote. The tote was immediately flipped on its back preventing continuous spill of the product. Absorbent pads were immediately deployed to absorb the oil spilled. spill report was issued through the NT-NU Spill Report.

Spill Discharge Location:

The spill occurred in the area of the transit pad.





Spill cause:

Spill was caused by human error. The judgment on the placement of the forks was incorrect.

Spill response:

The response to this spill was second to none. Upon puncturing the tote the operator knew immediately if the tote was flipped with the puncture hole facing up that it would minimize the spill. He immediately flipped the tote with the zoom boom and by doing this minimized the spill from 150 liters instead of the entire container which was 1000L. Spill pads were deployed onto the spilled oil to absorb as much as possible. The absorbent pads were disposed of in the Hazmat waste area at the Meliadine site. The soil which was contaminated was excavated and taken to the exploration Landfarm.