

Follow Up Report: #19-172

April 24th, 2019 – Pump Shack BH-102 - 0.5L Oil Spill

Description of Incident:

On April 24th 2019, during an inspection, approximately 0.5 litres of diesel was identified on the frozen surface of Lake B7. The incident occurred at pump shack BH-102. GPS coordinates of the location are 63° 01'55"N, 92°14'37"W

Spill Response & Cleanup:

Contaminated snow was collected and transported to the snow cell, where it will be processed using an oil/water separator.



Figure 1: Contaminated snow removed from the surface of Lake B7.

Spill Cause and Corrective Measures

Agnico Eagle's Environment department completed an investigation and determined the cause of the spill was human error. Diesel spilled to ground from a hose connected to the main fuel cache. Operators have since been instructed to take care to prevent diesel leaking from the hose between refueling events.

AEM Geology completed further follow up investigation and determined more thorough pre-op inspections must be completed in order to identify equipment failures.