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## **Re: Follow-up Report Spill #2025-034 – Release of 200 L of Glycol at the Meliadine Gold Project**

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email ([spills@gov.nt.ca](mailto:spills@gov.nt.ca)) of a spill of approximately 200 L of glycol at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63° 2'3.39"N, 92°13'24.45"W). This follow-up report provides supplemental information based on the results of the incident assessment and is being provided in accordance with:

- Nunavut Water Board 2AM-MEL1631 Water Licence (the Licence), Part H, Item 8c.

### **Description of Incident**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at approximately 11:00AM, a tote containing glycol was punctured by a skid steer at the primary crusher. The glycol tote was completely buried under snow from a recent blizzard, and the operator of the skid steer inadvertently hit and punctured the tote while performing snow removal. As a result, 200 L of glycol was released from the tote onto the industrial pad.

The spill occurred within the site's water management infrastructure, and as such, no waterbodies were impacted by the spill. The closest water body (B7) is approximately 700 meters southwest, as seen in Figure 1.



**Figure 1:** Location of the spill and proximity to waterbodies.

## Response and Remediation

The Process Plant employee who was operating the skid steer immediately called their supervisor who then contacted the Environment department to report the spill. The leaking tote was placed on a secondary containment to avoid further spillage. The contaminated snow was then recovered and placed into a hazardous waste drum and stored at the hazmat laydown, to be sent offsite for disposal at a licensed disposal facility.

### Root Cause and Corrective Measures

An assessment was conducted soon after the incident to determine the root cause and contributing factors. The assessment concluded with the following:






- The tote was improperly stored outside in an unmarked location that lacked secondary containment.

The following corrective and preventative actions have been implemented to address the root cause and to reduce the likelihood of recurrence:

- A secondary containment will be installed at the primary crusher for storage of glycol and other hazardous materials.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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## **Appendix A – Photos**



**Photo 1:** Spill location before remediation.



**Photo 2:** Spill location post remediation.