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Re: Follow-up Report Spill #2025-275 – Release of 250 L of waste hydraulic oil at the Meliadine Gold Project

On July 4th, 2025, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email (spills@gov.nt.ca) of a spill of 250 L of waste hydraulic oil at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63 02'17.43"N, 92 13'44.08"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 July 3rd, 2025, at approximately 8:00PM, a skid steer operator was bringing a waste oil tote for storage in a sea can. When he put the tote down in the sea can, the bottom valve of the tote popped out. The entire waste oil tote emptied in the sea can and migrated outside, thus creating the spill.

The spill occurred within the bounds of the site's runoff collection system, and as such, no water bodies were impacted by the spill. The closest water body (Lake G2) is approximately 400 meters west, as seen in Figure 1.



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

Response and Remediation

Following the incident, the operator promptly deployed a spill kit to contain the release. The Surface Operations department was contacted to initiate the remediation efforts utilizing an excavator. A total of five quatrex bags containing contaminated soil were collected and securely stored in the Maintenance departments oily solids sea-can. This sea-can is scheduled to be inspected and shipped south for remediation.

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 valve on the tote was damaged and the operator did not inspect the tote before moving it.



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

- The Maintenance supervisor went through the oil tote handling procedure with the crew to remind them of good practices and proper inspection.
- Maintenance added a few 55 gallons drum spill kits in the area for a faster response in case of future spills.

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.



Photo 2: Spill remediation.