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**Re: Follow-up Report Spill #2025-444 – Release of 10 L of sewage at the Meliadine Gold Project**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email (spills@gov.nt.ca) of a spill of approximately 10 L of sewage behind the main camp at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63° 2' 26.57" N, 92° 13' 41.07" 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 November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at approximately 8:30AM, while driving the vacuum truck on his sewage transfer route, a Surface Operations employee noticed that sewage was leaking from the discharge valve behind the truck. The employee stopped the truck and realized that approximately 10L of sewage spilled onto the ground behind the Gymnasium.

The spill occurred within the bounds of the site's runoff collection system; no water bodies were impacted or at risk of being impacted by the spill. The closest water body (Lake G2) is approximately 216 meters northwest (Figure 1).



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

## Response and Remediation

The Surface Operations employee reached out to their supervisor for help in stopping the spill. They immediately started remediation using an excavator. Contaminated material was then brought to Landfarm A as per the Spill Contingency plan.

### 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 discharge valve on the truck was worn out, and with the vibration of the truck while driving, caused the valve to open and leak.
- No pre-inspection was completed prior to borrowing the Municipal vacuum truck in town.

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

- Surface Operations personnel are no longer using the vacuum truck.
- In the event of emergency where AEM requests to borrow the municipal vacuum truck, a pre-op inspection will be conducted in Rankin Inlet prior to transporting the vacuum truck to site.

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 after remediation.