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Re: Follow-up Report Spill #2026-104 – Release of 850 L of emulsion at the Meliadine Gold Project

On January 18th, 2026, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email (spills@gov.nt.ca) of a spill of 850 L of emulsion at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63° 1' 36"N, 92° 12' 35"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 17th, 2026, at approximately 9:30AM, 850 L of emulsion was spilled at the Portal 1 emulsion pad. While attempting to move a bin of emulsion off a flatbed truck with a telehandler, the bin on the forks got caught on the bin next to it, causing the bin to slide off the forks and flip on its side, spilling most of its contents.

The spill occurred within the site's water management infrastructure, and as such, no waterbodies were impacted by the spill. The closest water body (H5) is approximately 655 meters northeast, as seen in Figure 1.



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

Response and Remediation

The operator immediately notified their supervisor and the acting Environment coordinator to report the spill. Given the freezing temperatures and natural viscosity of the emulsion, the spill was easily contained to an approximate area of 3 m². Underground personnel hand shoveled the emulsion into Quatrex bags, to be later recirculated in the emulsion plant. A loader was then used to scrape up any remaining traces; the contaminated material was collected and disposed of in a bore hole for an upcoming blast.

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:


- Ineffective communication between the operator and the spotter. While a spotter was assigned, they did not adequately communicate the risk associated with the falling bin. This represents a failure in both spotter and operator performance, as well as a gap in training.

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

- All underground crews were required to review the spotter procedure. In addition, morning safety meetings reinforced the importance of the spotter maintaining continuous visual contact with the load and ensuring clear communication is made with the operator if needed. The procedure review and discussions also emphasized the need to inspect the load prior to any movement to help prevent potential entanglements or similar incidents in the future.

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



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Appendix A – Photos



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Photo 1: Emulsion spill location, Portal 1 laydown.



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Photo 2: Emulsion spill location, remediated.