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Re: Follow-up Report Spill #2026-067 – Release of 350 L of hydraulic oil at the Meliadine Gold Project

On March 16, 2026, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email (spills@gov.nt.ca) of a spill of approximately 350 L of hydraulic oil at CP8 at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63° 1' 37.25" N, 92°12' 39.32" 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 March 16, 2026, at approximately 1:00AM, a Kivalliq Contractor Group (KCG) excavator operator was working when a cylinder hydraulic hose broke, resulting in a spill of approximately 350 L of hydraulic oil contained within an active area of excavation and the future location of CP8.

The spill occurred within the bounds of the site's runoff collection system; no water bodies were impacted by the spill. The closest water body (Lake B7) is approximately 91 meters southwest (Figure 1).



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

Response and Remediation

The KCG operator immediately notified their supervisor about the spill. At 6:00 AM the same day, they contacted the Environment Department to report the incident, and remediation work began. Due to the large volume of contaminated material requiring disposal (15 bins from a 40-ton truck), as much fine material as possible was screened and transported to Landfarm A for remediation. The coarser material was taken to Waste Rock Storage Facility 3 (WRSF3) to be encapsulated in overburden and covered with rock.

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:


- While repositioning the PC-1250 excavator close to a pit wall, the excavator's stick made contact with the pit wall, resulting in damage to the bucket cylinders and causing the spill.
- The operator rotated the equipment 180 degrees after realizing that the bucket cylinders were damaged and leaking oil, allowing more product to spill and enlarging the spill area.
- Insufficient risk analysis of the work area: The operator also failed to document the tight work environment on his work card.

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

- The operator was met by their supervisors for a constructive feedback session.
- The operator had to review Section 7 of the KCG internal procedure *Excavator training Caterpillar 349/352*, which pertains to the safe and efficient operation of this type of heavy equipment.
- KCG will share this event and corrective actions to both rotations during their next weekly safety meetings, highlighting the immediate need to freeze the scene when a spill occurs as per the *Spill Contingency Plan*.

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: Spill location.



Photo 2: Spill location after remediation.