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Re: Follow-up to Spill Reported on Jan 1st, 2014

Mary River Project - Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325

Summary:

On January 1st, 2014, at approximately 2230h, the operator of a 14M grader was attempting to plow some snow from the shoulder of road in the new road construction area when the grader suddenly dropped and became hung up on a rock underneath the blade. The operator was attempting to move the grader off the rock when the bottom of the fuel tank struck a rock and knocked off the fuel line at the bottom of the fuel tank. The operator remained unaware of the spill until the grader began to stall due to low fuel. The quantity of fuel spilt was approximately 200 L and contaminated an area of 4 square meters.

The coordinates for the site of the spill were: N 71° 48' 58" W 80° 44' 01".

Immediate and Follow-Up Action:

Upon noticing the spill, the operator immediately notified his supervisor and the acting environmental coordinator. After inspecting the scene, the grader was transported back onto the road and the spill response plan was initiated. Approximately nine cubic meters of contaminated snow was removed from the spill location and stored temporarily in a secured lined area for processing in the contaminated snow dump (to be constructed later this year). The spill location was greater than 30 m from the nearest water body.

Once the snow starts melting in the area, a visual inspection will be completed for evidence of additional hydrocarbon contamination. Further clean-up will be completed as required.

The investigation revealed that the grader operator should not have used the grader to grade off road in deep snow where boulders and other hazards could not be seen.

Recommendations:

The grader operator, although experienced and qualified, should be re-trained for operation of the grader and this incident put onto his record as a failure to follow standard grader operations procedure.

Current Status:

The incident is now closed.



Should you require further information or clarification on the above noted spill, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (647) 253-0596 or (902) 403-1337.

Sincerely,

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Attach: NT-NU SPILL REPORT, maps, and photos.

Photos

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Manager of Licencing, NWB

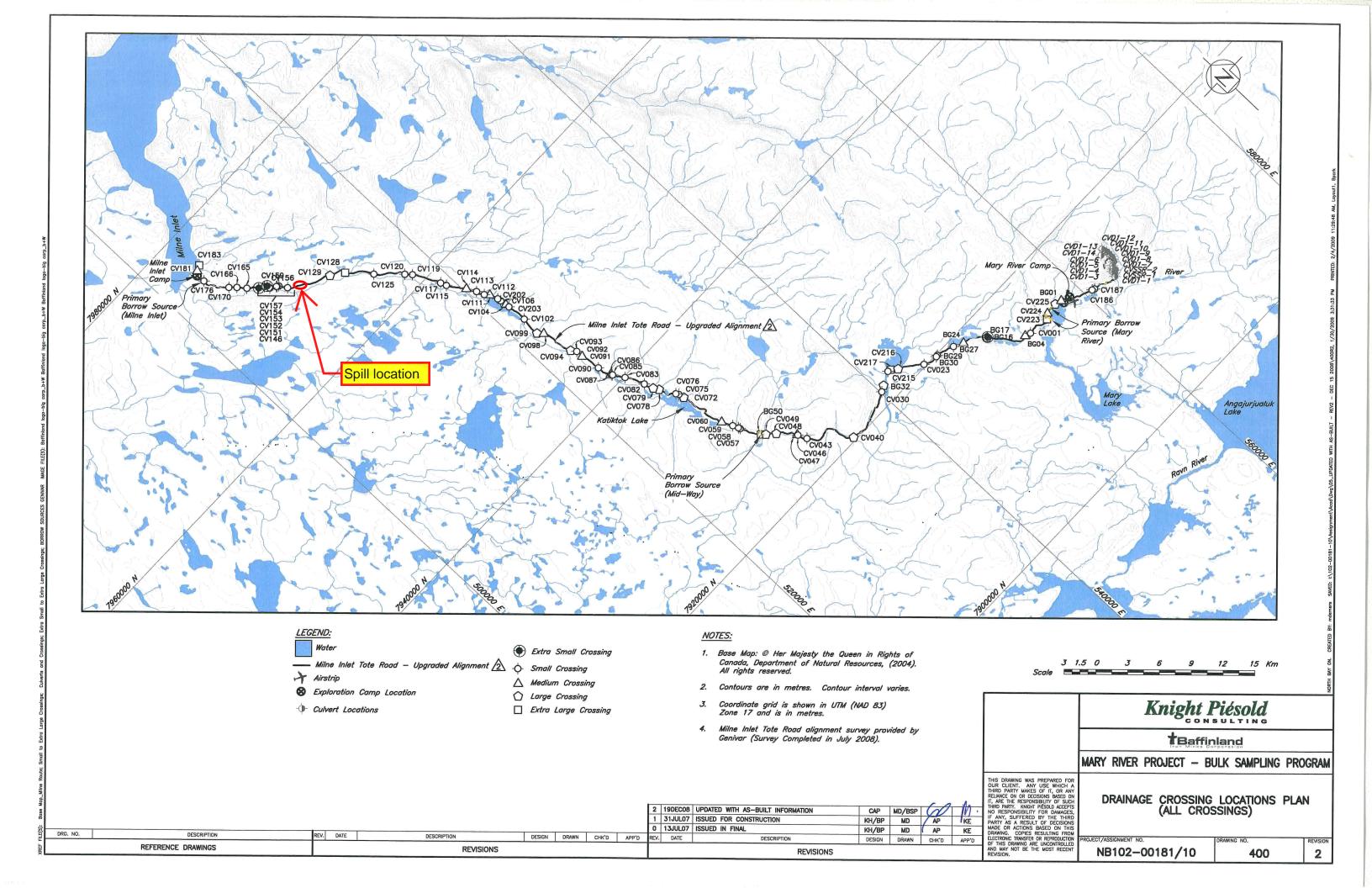




January 21, 2014, taken during spill cleanup



January 2, 2014, taken after spill cleanup







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