

2019-03-08 WTP 400 HYDRAULIC OIL SPILL

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the spill report submitted March 8th, 2019 by Agnico Eagle. This detailed report is submitted to the Inspector in compliance with the conditions under the Nunavut Water Board License NWB-2AM-WTP1826, Part H, Item 8c.

Spill Description

During operations at Whale Tail pit, a fitting on the main hydraulic line of backhoe failed, causing hydraulic oil to spill on the ground.

Location coordinates of the spill: Northing 65°24'11" Easting 96°42'27" on IOL.

There were no off site impact or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest lake is estimated at 150 meters outside of Quarry 2.



Cause of Spill

Failed fitting on the main hydraulic line on backhoe.

Remediation Actions

The operator immediately stopped the equipment and called the maintenance department to fix the problem. All contaminated soil has been removed and has been be brought to the landfarm at Meadowbank.



Corrective measures

The hydraulic system including hoses and fittings are inspected as part of the preventive maintenance program done on site. Routine visual inspection of the hydraulic system is also performed during pre-operations checks. Backhoe was brought to Maintenance for a complete clean up and overhaul on the hydraulic lines.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at WTP on March 8^{th} , 2019 and the follow up actions. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.