

2020-01-20 WTP 150 L Engine Oil Tote

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted January 21, 2020 by Agnico Eagle Meadowbank division. This detailed report is submitted to the Inspector in compliance with the conditions under the Nunavut Water Board License 2AM-WTP1826, Part H, Item 8c.

Spill Description

During operations at the Whale Tail pit, a worker was moving totes in and out of a sea can. The operator was unaware he punctured a tote. During night shift, another worker went to get a tote from the sea can and discovered the spill.



Spill location: 65° 24'04.2" 96° 42' 20.4" on IOL

There were no off site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is estimated at 500 meters to Whale Tail North.

Cause of Spill

The spill occurred due to a punctured tote from the loader forks.

Remediation Actions

Spill pads were placed on the ground outside the sea can and the totes were removed. The sea can was cleaned out and all the spill pads were sent to the Hazmat storage area. Approximately 2m3 of contaminated snow and material was collected and brought to the land farm at Meadowbank.



Corrective measures

All equipment operators using forks to move material will use a spotter to prevent incident/material damage.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on January 20, 2020 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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