

2020-05-29 WTP 200L Diesel

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted May 29, 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-WTP1830, Part H, Item 8c.

Spill Description

During operations at Whale Tail pit, the operator of long-haul truck LHT16 stopped at the wheel torque area to check his tires, when the operator noticed a diesel leak spilling onto the ground.



Spill location: 65° 24'03.2" 96° 40'14.1" on IOL

There were no off site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 400 meters to Lake A53.

Cause of Spill

The spill occurred due to frozen build up of mud between the tires and the fuel tank. The vibration from the long-haul truck caused that build up of mud to put pressure on the fuel tank, causing a small puncture/crack on the tank.

Remediation Actions

The operator shut down the equipment and maintenance were called to pump out the remaining fuel in the cracked tank. Spill pads were placed on the ground to collect as much fuel as possible. Approximately 2m3 of contaminated material was collected and brought to the land farm at Meadowbank.



Corrective measures

A routine visual inspection of all systems is performed during pre-operations checks as a part of the preventative maintenance program. LHT operators will check for mud build up during routine inspections/tire checks along the WTHR.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on May 29, 2020 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

