

2020-06-14 WTP 400L Diesel

GN reference #: 2020-178

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted June 15, 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 drive shaft of long-haul truck LHT15 failed and broke off, puncturing the fuel tank as it fell to the ground.



Spill location: 65° 04'37.58" 96° 01'16.3" on IOL

There were no off site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 700 meters to Turn Lake.

Cause of Spill

The spill occurred due to a driveshaft failure on long haul truck LHT15.

Remediation Actions

The operator steered the truck to the shoulder of the road. Spill pads and secondary containment were placed under the fuel tank. A berm was also constructed to prevent fuel from spreading. Approximately 10m3 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 hauling was stopped for the day on June 15, 2020 to inspect all LHT trucks and trailers.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on June 14, 2020 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

