

2021-03-01 Whale Tail - Tote 150L Waste Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted March 1st, 2021 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 Project, a waste oil tote containing 1000L of oil was punctured by a telehandler at the Hazmat area. The operator of the equipment quickly flipped the tote and placed it to drain in secondary containment. Approximately 8m² of the ground surface was contaminated. Contaminated soil was collected and transported to the Meadowbank land farm.



Spill Location: Northing: 65' 24'23.7" Easting: 96' 40'50.8" on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 850 meters to Whale Tail South Lake.

Cause of Spill

Use of improper tools resulted in the punctured tote. Forks of the telehandler were too long.

Remediation Actions

The operator quickly placed the punctured tote into secondary containment. Approximately 3m³ of contaminated snow and material was collected and disposed of in the contaminated soil bin, to be disposed in the Meadowbank landfarm.



Corrective measures

A discussion with Hazmat crew regarding the use of the proper tools for the job. Ensure that the equipment has the correct sized forks for the activity.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on March 1st, 2021 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

