



2022-01-06 WTP 10L Sewage

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted January 6, 2022 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 the transfer of sewage between the emulsion facility offices and the sewage truck at the Whale Tail Pit Project, some blackwater residue leaked onto the ground under the connection through the action of disconnecting the hose.



Figure 1. Emulsion facility, dated January 6th

Spill location: 65 23'43"N; 96 44'02"W on IOL.

There were no off-site impacts or discharge to any receiving watercourses. Distance to the closest water body is 160 meters to lake A-P39.

Cause of Spill

Inadequate manipulation of equipment by the operator.

Remediation Actions

The environment department notified the operator supervisor which immediately dispatched workers to chip away the ice and excavate the remaining material. Contaminated material was disposed of at the Meadowbank tailings area.



Figure 2. Emulsion facility after clean-up

Corrective measures

Procedures in place for operating the equipment were reviewed with the vacuum truck operators and environmental awareness regarding reportable substances was reinforced.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Meadowbank site on January 6th, 2022 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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