



2023-02-24 WTM 175L Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted February 24th, 2023, 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 the Whale Tail Mine, a drum containing 205L of hydraulic oil was punctured by the equipment forks while manipulating the pallet of barrels inside a sea can. Ultimately, a portion of the oil seeped through the floor and leaked onto the ground of the warehouse pad.



Spill Location: 65°24'1.16"N 96°40'28.24"W on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 400M to lake A55.

Cause of Spill

Punctured drum caused by the equipment forks.

Remediation Actions

The sea can was immediately removed from the area and equipment was called to initiate the clean-up. Approximately 4 m3 of contaminated snow and material will be collected and disposed of at the Whale Tail Mine landfarm.



Corrective measures

The procedure for handling of totes and drums is in the process of being updated and will be shared with all departments that manipulate totes and drums. A new camera system has been installed on equipment forks and its process is still being optimized.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on February 24th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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