

2023-03-06 WTM 150L Waste Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted March 7th, 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 loader operator was placing waste oil totes into a seacan when they noticed the corners of both totes were leaking onto the ground.



Spill Location: 65°24'2.28"N 96°40'27.83"W on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 420M to lake A55.

Cause of Spill

Punctured/damaged tote caused by the equipment forks.

Remediation Actions

The totes were immediately removed from the area and placed onto secondary containment. Absorbent material was placed on the contaminated surfaces and a loader was used to scrap the area clean. Approximately 4 m3 of contaminated snow and material was 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.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on March 6th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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