

2023-03-11 WTM 100L Waste Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted March 12th, 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 worker was draining the oil from GENSET07 into a tote. The worker went inside the GENSET enclosure and when they returned to the tote, it was overflowing into the maintenance truck and onto the ground.



Spill Location: 65°24'24.23"N 96°40'53.11"W on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 1000M to lake A56.

Cause of Spill

Human Error

Remediation Actions

Spill pads were immediately placed on the ground and contaminated surfaces. The tote was placed onto the secondary containment bin at maintenance. A loader was used to scrape the area clean. Approximately 4m³ of contaminated snow and material was collected and disposed of at the Whale Tail Mine Landfarm. Contaminated absorbent material was collected and disposed of at the Whale Tail Mine Hazmat.



Corrective measures

The work procedure will be updated to include a checklist for performing this task. Totes being used as a transfer container will require a secondary containment system in place. The procedure will be shared with all departments that perform similar tasks.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on March 11th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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