

2023-04-07 WTM 400L Coolant

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted April 8th, 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, an operator went to move a tote of coolant with a skid steer and punctured the tote with the forks causing the tote to leak on the ground. The operator placed the tote on its side to stop the leak.



Spill Location: N 65°24'22.38" W 96°40'54.83"

There were no off-site impacts or discharges to any receiving watercourses. The distance to the closest water body is 950m from Whale Tail Lake.

Cause of Spill

Punctured tote caused by misalignment of the equipment forks.

Remediation Actions

A loader equipped with a bucket was immediately used to excavate the contaminated area. Approximately 10m3 of contaminated snow and material was collected and disposed at the Meadowbank Tailings.



Corrective measures

Checklist for performing work is being updated. Totes being used as a transfer container will require a secondary containment system in place. Tote handling procedure being updated/implemented. Once completed, the procedure will be shared with the appropriate departments.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on April 8th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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