



2023-04-19 WTM 500L Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted April 19th, 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 night shift operations at the Whale Tail Mine, a tote containing 1000L of hydraulic oil was punctured by equipment during the process of moving the reservoir, causing about 500L of oil to leak onto the ground of the service building pad. The tote was flipped over to prevent additional oil from leaking out of the container.



Spill Location: N65°24'21.8 W96°40'48.9"

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

Absorbent booms were used to halt the spill from going further and spill response material was used to collect as much oil as possible. Approximately 15m³ of contaminated material was collected and disposed of at the Whale Tail Mine Landfarm.



Corrective measures

The incident was reviewed with all operators within the department. A tote handling procedure has been implemented into site wide training for forked equipment. Additional lighting options are being investigated to improve lighting in the workplace for the night shift.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on April 19th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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