



## 2023-06-06 WTM 500L Waste Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 was placing a waste oil tote into the seacan with a forklift. While trying to adjust the tote, the forks on the forklift punctured 2 totes of waste oil, causing to spill onto the ground and floor of the seacan.



Spill Location: N65' 24'23 W96'40'47.2" on IOL

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

The totes were flipped over to prevent additional oil from leaking out of the sea-can and absorbent pads were placed on the floor of the sea-can. The oil in the punctured totes was transferred to a new tote. The area was immediately scraped clean and approximately 7m3 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 site wide initiative requiring a spotter when manipulating totes and any other hazardous product with forked equipment has been implemented until the formal procedure has been created. A handling procedure is being created for site-wide training of all forked equipment.

## Closure

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



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