

2023-06-12-WTM 2.8m3 Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted June 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, the excavator was in the motion of turning around on a pad when a rock boulder made contact and damaged the hydraulic system of the equipment resulting in 2.8m3 of hydraulic oil to spill onto the ground of the Whale Tail Pit. The spill occurred in an active excavation area.



Spill Location: 65°24'07.47" W 96°42'14.78"on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 700m to Mammoth Lake.

Cause of Spill

Hydraulic system was damaged by a large boulder.

Remediation Actions

The equipment was immediately shut off by the operator and mechanic was called to have the equipment fixed. Approximately 12 m³ of contaminated material was collected and brought to the Whale Tail Landfarm.



Corrective measures

The incident was reviewed by all excavator operators and a reminder provided about the operating standards.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on June 12th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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