



2023-06-15-WTM 250L Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted June 16th, 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 walking to a pad when a hydraulic hose broke resulting in 250L of hydraulic oil to spill onto the ground of the Whale Tail Pit Road. There is no plan currently to excavate this area of the roadway.



Spill Location: N 65°24'10.79" W 96°42'49.93" on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 399m to Mammoth Lake

Cause of Spill

Hydraulic line failure

Remediation Actions

The equipment was immediately shut off by the operator and mechanic was called to have the equipment fixed. Approximately 6m³ of contaminated material was collected and brought to the Whale Tail landfarm.



Corrective measures

A routine visual inspection of all systems is performed during pre-operation checks as a part of the preventative maintenance program. In addition, an environmental incident reduction plan has been developed. This plan includes a review of mechanical equipment failure, including hydraulic hose failure, to identify and address root causes.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on June 15th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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