



2023-07-03-WTM 150L Diesel Fuel

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted July 04th, 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

While refueling an underground scoop at Whale Tail Mine, the operator left the fuel line unattended to perform another task behind the scoop. When the operator returned from behind the scoop he observed the fuel overflowing, resulting in ~150L of diesel fuel to spill onto the ground.



Spill Location: N 65°24'25.54" W96°40'52.82"on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 1000m to Whale Tail South

Cause of Spill

Human Error

Remediation Actions

The operator immediately stopped the fuel pump and deployed the emergency spill kit. The contaminated material was collected and brought to the Whale Tail landfarm and contaminated absorbent material was disposed of at the Hazmat.



Corrective measures

A comprehensive inspection was carried out on the breather and fuel system to assess their condition and functionality. During the investigation, it was determined that the incident resulted from the lack of attentiveness exhibited by an individual who failed to monitor the nozzle during the refueling procedure. As a result, the incident was promptly addressed by conducting thorough reviews and discussions with all crews involved in various rotations. The primary objective of these reviews was to scrutinize the existing procedure and identify any gaps or shortcomings that could potentially lead to similar incidents in the future. By doing so, we aimed to enhance the system's safety and prevent the recurrence of such events.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on July 4th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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