

2023-10-02-WTM 200L Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted October 2nd, 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 excavator suffered a hydraulic component failure while loading equipment, causing 200 liters of hydraulic oil to spill onto the ground at the bottom of the IVR pit. The spill occurred in an area of active excavtion within the IVR Pit.





Spill Location: N 65°24'40.91"W 96°41'33.53"on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 650 m to Lake A113.

Cause of Spill

Hydraulic Hose Failure

Remediation Actions

The operator promptly shut off the equipment and called a mechanic to fix it. ~15m3 of contaminated material was collected and transported to the Whale Tail landfarm for proper handling and disposal.





Corrective measures

Routine visual inspections during pre-op checks will continue as part of AEM's preventative maintenance program. The mechanical performance review and improvement plan to reduce mechanical issues causing spills is currently being implemented at Meadowbank.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on Oct. 2nd, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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