



2023-10-11-WTM 1000L Diesel Exhaust Fluid

GN reference #: 2023-428

Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted October 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, an operator was trying to move a tote with a forklift, but due to bad visibility caused by the sun, the tote was punctured causing a spill onto the ground.



Spill Location: N 65°24'21.63 W 96°40'50.24 on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 940 m to Whale Tail South Lake.

Cause of Spill

Human Error - Punctured tote caused by misalignment of the equipment forks with no spotter present.

Remediation Actions

Spill pads were placed on the ground and an excavator was used to scrape and remove the contaminated material. Contaminated material was collected and disposed of in the Meadowbank TSF.








Corrective measures

A procedure has been implemented on site since August 2023 for handling totes and barrels with forked equipment. A comprehensive review of the incident and a reminder regarding the tote handling procedure were provided to the crews. The operator received further coaching regarding the task and procedure.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on Oct. 11th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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