



2023-11-20-WTM 300L Diesel Fuel

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted November 21th, 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 the refueling process at Whale Tail Mine, an operator forgot to remove the fuel nozzle from their equipment prior departing the underground fuel farm. The damage to the fuel line resulted in ~300L of diesel fuel to spill within pump shack and onto the ground within the lined area of the fuel farm.



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 Lake.

Cause of Spill

Human error

Remediation Actions

Once noticed, the emergency spill kit was deployed. The contaminated material was collected and brought to the Whale Tail landfarm and the contaminated absorbent material disposed of at the Hazmat.



Corrective measures

A comprehensive review of the incident and investigation, encompassing all crews, is currently underway. Corrective measures were implemented at the underground fueling station Wiggins fuel dispenser, which involved the installation of break-away fittings. This step was taken to mitigate the risk of any inadvertent fuel release resulting from hose tear-off incidents in the future.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on November 20th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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