

2024-05-24 WTM 20L Engine Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted May 24th, 2024, 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 a freshet inspection along the Whale Tail Haul Road a small spill was observed ~3m east of the road at KM173. Upon further investigation, a spill of ~20L of engine oil was found contained in a small depression on top of water and down the shoulder of the road.



Spill Location: 65°22'8.97"N 96°36'5.30"W (on IOL)

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is ~205 m to an unnamed lake

Cause of Spill

Equipment failure on a long haul truck.

Remediation Actions

Spill containment booms and pads were used to contain and collect the spill. Oil was skimmed off the surface using a combination of a vacuum pump and shop vac. In total ~2m³ of contaminated water was collected and ~2.5m³ of contaminated soil was collected. All contaminated water and spill containment material was disposed of at the Whale Tail Hazmat area. All contaminated soil was brought to the Whale Tail Landfarm for treatment.



Corrective measures

The incident was reviewed with all crews, serving as a reminder of the criticality of conducting equipment walkarounds to prevent avoidable damage or leaks. Furthermore, an investigation was conducted in collaboration with the maintenance department to scrutinize preventive maintenance practices, aiming to uncover any potential issues or gaps.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on May 24th, 2024, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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