

2024-08-01 WTM 70L Diesel Fuel & Coolant

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted August 1st, 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

While heading southbound on Whale Tail Haul Road, a long-haul truck tipped over off the road at kilometer 124. A Code 1 was immediately initiated, and the emergency response team (ERT) was deployed. The ERT notified the environment department of a diesel fuel leak from the truck's fuel tanks. Secondary containment was placed under the leak, absorbent material was deployed on the contaminated surface, and a vacuum truck was brought in to collect the liquid. The spilled diesel fuel was contained within the road footprint. Following confirmatory discussion after the event it was determined that only 50L of diesel fuel and 20L of coolant leaked out of the equipment. At the time of the accident, it was calculated the long-haul would contain ~850L of fuel. Following the incident debrief it was discovered the vacuum truck collected a total of 800L of diesel fuel from the fuel tank.



Spill Location: 65°08'08.35" 96°06'32.01"

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 300m to Pipedream Lake

Cause of Spill

Human Error

Remediation Actions

Following the retrieval of the equipment, material was collected and separated between the ore and the contaminated material. ~1m³ of contaminated material was collected and brought to the Meadowbank landarm. Absorbents were collected and brought to the Meadowbank hazmat storage area.



Corrective measures

Upon completion of an investigation, a review of operating procedures and best practices will be completed during safety meetings for all drivers. The dangers of distractions while driving will also be reviewed. LHT team will identify potential distractions for operators and address them to reduce or eliminate similar events from reoccurring.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on August 1st, 2024, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

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