



2024-09-08 WTM 500L Engine Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted September 9th, 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 operations at Whale Tail mine, the telehandler was removing an oil tote from the lube truck. When the operator made a change of direction, the oil tote frame separated from the base and fell to the ground. Upon impact, the oil cap on top of the tote came off causing oil to spill on the ground.



Spill Location: 65°23'55.64" 96°40'26.33" on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 220 m to Lake A55.

Cause of Spill

Equipment failure

Remediation Actions

Spill pads were placed on the ground, and the pooled oil on the ground was pumped into another tote. The area was then scraped clean with an excavator and the contaminated material brought to the Whale Tail landfarm.



Corrective measures

Upon completion of an investigation, it was discovered that the metal rack on the tote was not properly welded to the base, which was identified as a factory issue. To minimize the likelihood of a recurrence of such an event, a new step will be introduced for the task: a physical inspection of the integrity of the tote and its metal frame.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on September 8th, 2024, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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