



AGNICO EAGLE

2024-11-04 WTM 2000L Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted November 4, 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 the operations at the Whale Tail Mine, the excavator was performing work in Whale Tail Pit when it caught fire. This incident led to the spillage of hydraulic fluid onto the ore pattern. The spill occurred in an active mining area.



Spill location: 65°24'3.99" 96°41'51.74"on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 545 m to Whale Tail South Lake.

Cause of Spill

Upon investigation, a hydraulic hose failure causing an oil leak started a fire within the engine compartment.

Remediation Actions

A large portion of the spilled oil was burned in the fire. The oil that spilled onto the ground was within an ore pattern. The ore and contaminated material was collected and will be processed through the Milling facilities.

Corrective measures

The incident was reviewed with all operators, 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 ensure replacement of all hoses is completed and establish a baseline for service life of hoses on booms.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on November 4th, 2024, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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