

2025-07-31 WTM 300L Hydraulic Oil

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted August 1st, 2025, 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 the Whale Tail Mine, a haul truck was offloading material at the Whale Tail rock facility when a dozer attempted to assist by lifting the truck box using the corner of its blade. During this maneuver, the dozer blade inadvertently struck and damaged the truck's hydraulic tank. Unaware of the damage, the operator drove the truck back to the camp parking area. The hydraulic oil leak was only discovered after the operator returned from lunch, at which point ≈300 liters of hydraulic oil had spilled onto the camp parking area. The spill did not occur in an active excavation or deposition area.



Spill Location: 65°24'8.99"N 96°40'22.90"W (on IOL)

The spill remained within the mine operations footprint. There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 600m to Lake A55.

Cause of Spill

Human error

Remediation Actions

Upon discovering the spill, a secondary containment was placed beneath the equipment to capture the leaking hydraulic oil. A heavy equipment was deployed to scrape the area where the spill occurred. All contaminated material was removed and brought to the Whale Tail Landfarm.



Corrective measures

The incident will be reviewed with all operators to reinforce the importance of adhering to established procedures and authorized practices. Additionally, an investigation is underway in collaboration with the Health and Safety department to identify and implement best practices moving forward.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on July 31st, 2025, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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