

2023-01-14 WTM 900L Windshield Washer Fluid

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted January 14th, 2023, 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 loader operator was collecting a tote of windshield washer fluid from outside the warehouse. The loader's forks punctured the reservoir resulting in its contents being empty onto the ground.



Spill Location: Northing: N65°24'05.54" W96°40'27.08" on IOL

There were no off-site impacts or discharges. Distance to the closest water body is 650M to Whale Tail South Lake.

Cause of Spill

Punctured tote caused by misalignment of the equipment forks.

Remediation Actions

A loader with a bucket was immediately used to scrape the area clean. Approximately 10m3 of contaminated snow and material was collected and will be disposed at the Meadowbank tailings storage facility.





Corrective measures

A job task observation (JTO) of the operation was performed to identify the environmental and health & safety risks associated to the task. Following the JTO, the procedure will be adapted to require the use of a spotter when manipulating a tote with the loader.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on January 14th, 2023, and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.



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