

WHALE TAIL MINE

Monitoring Program Summary Report November 2024

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SECTION 1 • BACKGROUND

On June 13, 2020, Agnico Eagle received the minister's approval for the Water License 2AM-WTP1830 Amendment No.1. This amendment was required to authorize changes to the previously approved uses of water and deposit of wastes needed to reflect the expansion of the Whale Tail Mine.

As required under Part I, Item 22 of Type A Water License 2AM-WTP1830, this report documents the water management and monitoring activities at the mine site for the month. This includes water usage, water and seepage monitoring around site, sewage treatment plant discharge and Attenuation Pond discharge.

In addition, a summary of spills/actions for the month is reported.

SECTION 2 • WATER MANAGEMENT

2.1 WATER USAGE

Freshwater usage for the month is summarized in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1: Freshwater Usage (m³)

Water Location	Source Lake	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	
Camp	Nemo	3,910	3,509	3,711	3,733	3,746	3,413	
Construction/Operation	Nemo	7,034	7,485	7,624	6,205	6,615	4,720	
Dust Suppression	WTHR Pond	0	0	0	0	1,514	712	
Explosive	Kangislulik Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Drilling Proximal Sources		0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Freshwater Usage (m³)		10,944	10,994	11,335	9,938	11,875	8,845	

Water Location	Source Lake	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Camp Nemo		3,448	3,178	3,520	3,604	3,287	39,059
Construction/Operation	Nemo	4,023	3,260	3,757	4,576	6,488	61,786
Dust Suppression WTHR Pond		3,560	2,539	90	0	0	8,415
Explosive	Kangislulik Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drilling Proximal Sources		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Freshwater Usage (m ³)		11,031	8,977	7,367	8,180	9,775	109,260

2.2 LAKE WATER MONITORING

Lakes around the Whale Tail Mine are monitored on a monthly basis during the open water season. In November, no samples were taken at Lake A16 (ST-WT-14) and Lake A15 (ST-WT-15) due to freezing conditions.

2.3 WHALE TAIL SOUTH CHANNEL

The Whale Tail South Channel was operational in November. No quality concerns were observed.

2.4 WHALE TAIL DIKE SEEPAGE MONITORING

Seepage at the toe of Whale Tail dike (WTD) was still observed during the month. Agnico Eagle continues to manage seepage water from WTD as part of the Whale Tail Attenuation Pond.

Seepage water quality is monitored as per requirements of the Water License. The sampling station is ST-WT-17 and is sampled on a monthly basis for Group 1 parameters.

2.5 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Effluent from the sewage treatment plant (STP) is discharged to the IVR Attenuation Pond. As per Water License Schedule I Sampling Station ST-WT-11, effluent is to be sampled four times

per calendar year. Agnico Eagle is currently sampling the STP monthly and thus a sample was taken in November. A total of 3,309 m³ was discharged during the month.

2.6 WHALE TAIL/IVR ATTENUATION PONDS

Water from the IVR Attenuation Pond was discharged during the month from November 1st to November 16th in Whale Tail South Lake. Water was treated by the Water Treatment Plant before discharge. A total of 255,079 m³ was discharged to Whale Tail South Lake.

As per Water License Part F Item 5, the effluent from this discharge shall not exceed the limits detailed in Table 2.6.1 below. No non-compliance was observed during the month of November related to this discharge to the receiving environment. There were no exceedances of Water License or MDMER limits during the month.

Table 2.6.1: IVR Attenuation Pond Discharge to Whale Tail South Lake Diffusor (ST-WT-24)

Parameter	Maximum Authorized Concentration Grab Sample	Maximum Authorized Monthly Mean Concentration	Unit		Sample Date	Monthly Average				
				11/1/2024	11/4/2024	11/11/2024				
Field Measured										
pH	6.0 - 9.5	6.0 - 9.5	pH units	7.19	7.16	7.06	7.14			
Conventional Parameters		,								
Total suspended solids	30	15	mg/L	3	2	3	2.7			
Nutrients										
Total phosphorus	0.6	0.3	mg P/L	0.0025	0.0037	0.0023	0.0028			
Ammonia nitrogen (NH ₃ -N)	32	16	mg N/L	0.68	0.80	0.75	0.74			
General Organics	General Organics									
Total petroleum hydrocarbons	6	3	mg/L	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	0.1			
Total Metals	Total Metals									
Aluminum	1	0.5	mg/L	0.0092	0.0090	0.0084	0.0089			
Arsenic	0.2	0.1	mg/L	0.0411	0.0490	0.0924	0.0608			
Cadmium	0.004	0.002	mg/L	0.000026	0.000017	0.000014	0.000019			
Chromium	0.04	0.02	mg/L	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0005			
Copper	0.2	0.1	mg/L	0.00134	0.00106	0.00101	0.00114			
Iron	2	1	mg/L	0.419	0.409	0.754	0.527			
Lead	0.1	0.05	mg/L	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	0.00010			
Mercury	0.008	0.004	mg/L	< 0.00001	< 0.00001	< 0.00001	0.000005			
Nickel	0.5	0.25	mg/L	0.0353	0.0425	0.0512	0.0430			
Zinc	0.2	0.1	mg/L	0.0105	0.0069	0.0086	0.0087			

SECTION 3 • SPILL MANAGEMENT

Figure 3.1 shows reported and non-reported spills for 2024 broken down per month and Table 3.1 summarizes Agnico Eagle spill reports for November.

Four (4) spills occurred on site during the month with one (1) reported to regulators. Spills were contained and cleaned, contaminated material was disposed to the appropriate area, and the clean-up actions were monitored closely by the Environment Department. There was no off-site impact to any watercourses.

Figure 3.1 2024 Reported and Non-Reported Spills

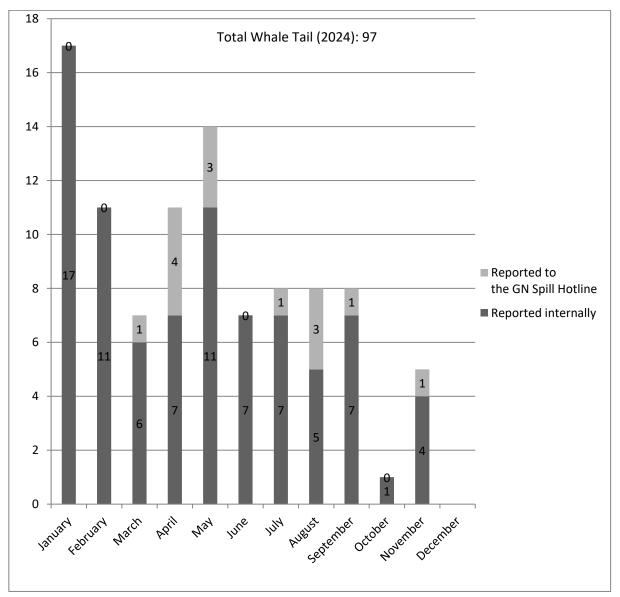


Table 3.1: Summary of Agnico Eagle Internal and Reported Spill Reports, November 2024

Date of Spill	Hazardous Material	Quantity	Units (L / Kg)	Location	Cause of spill	Clean-up action taken
11/4/2024	Hydraulic Oil	2000	L	Whale Tail Pit	Equipment failure	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.
11/21/2024	Coolant	24	L	WTHR KM 138	Equipment failure	Contaminated material was collected and placed in roll off bin for disposal at the Meadowbank TSF.
11/24/2024	Diesel fuel	1	L	Whale Tail Pit	Human error	Contaminated material was collected and placed in roll off bin for disposal at the WT Landfarm
11/28/2024	Hydraulic Oil	60	L	Whale Tail Pit	Equipment failure	Contaminated material was collected and placed in roll off bin for disposal at the WT Landfarm
11/29/2024	Hydraulic Oil	70	L	Underground Stockpile	Equipment failure	Contaminated material was collected and placed in roll off bin for disposal at the WT Landfarm