

Amaruq Exploration Project

Waste water treatment system effluent

Licence limit exceedance on

August 7th, 2017

Reported to spill line on August 17th, 2017

Closing report on September 13th, 2017

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Introduction

We received on August 16th 2017 the analysis results of the water sample taken on August 7th 2017 at MEA-2 monitoring station (effluent of waste water treatment system). The sample had a pH of 5.94 and the water licence 2BB-MEA1318 pH limit is between 6.0 and 9.5. The treatment system discharges around 12 m³ of treated waste water per day.

Correctives actions

The sample taken before the exceedance, on July 31st, had a pH of 7.16 and the samples taken after the exceedance, on August 14th had a pH of 6.95, on August 21th, a pH of 6.99 and on August 28th, a pH of 7.00.

Conclusion

After verification, we were not able to identify the cause of this exceedance. With the verification done and the analysis of the data received before and after the incident, we conclude that the exceedance was an isolated occurrence, probably more related to the sampling than a malfunction of the system.

The sample results continue to be analyzed as soon as the results are available to ensure prompt reaction in case of exceedance. We suggest the closure of this file.