



2019-01-25 AMQ 100 liters Sewage spill

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Please find the following information as a follow up to the Spill report submitted January 26th, 2019 by Agnico Eagle Meadowbank division. This detailed report is submitted to the Inspector in compliance with the conditions under the Nunavut Water Board License 2BB-MEA1318, Part H, Item 5c.

Spill Description

When the operator emptied the sludge from wastewater treatment plant with a vacuum truck, he saw an overflow coming from the tank.



Spill location: N 65 24'11.8 W 096 40'49.5

There were no off site impact or discharge to any receiving watercourses. The distance to the closest lake is estimated at 200 meters.

Cause of Spill

Before he starts to pump, the operator took a measure the tank to evaluate the volume can be pumped in the truck. But he did a mistake and the volume available has been over evaluated causing an overflow.

Remediation Actions

As the operator was close to the vacuum truck he was able to shut down quickly the operation. All contaminated material on the ground was collected and brought to the Meadowbank land farm.



Corrective measures

A reminder to all operators was giving on the importance to have the good evaluation of the volume available in the tank before starting the operation.

Closure

We trust that the above details described appropriately the spill incident that occurred at the Whale Tail site on January 25th, 2019 and the cleanup activities. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.