

Follow Up Report: #18-289

July 20, 2018 Treated Sewage Effluent

Description of Incident:

On July 20th, after loading a water truck with treated water from the treated retention tank at the Exploration camp's Sewage Treatment Plant, the operator proceeded to drive towards the discharge location at CP1. During transport, the operator was advised by an observer that the truck was leaking water.

Spill Response & Cleanup:

The truck driver stopped and found that the valve rear was opened and closed the valve.

Approximately 3000 L of treated effluent had drained from the water truck to the road, between the exploration camp and CP1, an estimated distance of 500 m. The treated effluent did not extend beyond the road surface and had evaporated or seeped into the road making it difficult to clean it up. The effluent was treated and did not flow outside the Site's managed water area or into any water body.

Spill Cause and Corrective Measures

The spill was caused by human error with the training and procedure not followed. The employee has been suspended from operating mobile equipment and is required to successfully complete additional equipment training prior to being assigned equipment operating tasks.