



Follow Up Report: #18-308

August 2, 2018 Treated Sewage Effluent

Description of Incident:

On August 2, 2018, the water truck operator was collecting the treated STP effluent from the retention tanks at MEL-07. The truck was overfilled and spilled out onto the road under the water truck. Some water spilled down the bank to the spillway that was previously used for the MEL-07 discharge.

Spill Response & Cleanup:

When the truck operator observed that the treated effluent was overflowing, pumping was halted.

Approximately 1,600 liters of treated effluent water spilled to the access road behind wing "P" at the Exploration Camp and some observed spill towards the rock bed channel. No water migration to Meliadine Lake was observed and the treated water was quickly absorbed into the road or evaporated.

Spill Cause and Corrective Measures

The spill was caused by human error with the training and procedure not followed. The supervisor of the employee has discussed corrective measure with the operator.