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Our reference: DDMI Incident number 1000620646
Your reference: GNWT Spill 2022515

Dear Mr. Heron,

Subject: Follow-up to GNWT Spill Report 2022515

Summary:

On October 27th, 2022 at 9:15am, a sewage truck operator connected the offload pipe from the sewage truck tank to the sewage lift station near the Sewage Treatment Plant (Figure 1). After emptying the tank, the operator engaged the power take-off (PTO) and opened the air dump valve to clear the line of remaining sewage. The hose became disconnected at the lift station end and approximately 50L of raw sewage contacted the frozen ground (Figures 2 and 3). The operator immediately shut off the PTO and closed the air dump valve stopping the flow. The spill was immediately reported to the area supervisor.



Figure 1 Spill 2022515 location at the Sewage Treatment Plant lift station (red circle).



Figure 2 Sewage hose connected to lift station prior to spill.



Figure 3 Disconnected hose at lift station and raw sewage spill.

Immediate Action:

The operator immediately shut off the PTO and closed the air dump valve stopping the flow and the area supervisor was notified. Lime was placed on the raw sewage and the treated spilled material was taken to the Processed Kimberlite Containment Facility for disposal.

Follow-up Action:

Diavik reported the spill to GNWT online spill report line and notified the Lands Inspector. The incident was discussed with crews in the following days.

Should you require further information or clarification on the above noted spill, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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