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Update on B.C. Spill Preparedness and Response Review



Environmental Managers Association of BC – February 2015

Environmental Emergency Program, B.C. Ministry of Environment



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Setting the Context

Nov 2012	First Intentions Paper
Jan 2013	Minister's roundtable
Mar 2013	Symposium
June-Dec 2013	Working Groups/Advisory Committee
June-Dec 2013	Federal-provincial meetings
Nov 2013 - Mar 2014	First Nations and ENGO engagement and drafting of second intentions paper
April 25 2014	Second Intentions Paper Release
Nov 2014	Public comments posted



Working Groups & Advisory Committee

- 1 Advisory Committee
- 3 technical working groups
- 19 topics explored over 5 months and more than a dozen meetings.
- Technical expertise and perspectives from:
 - CEPA
 - CAPP
 - CACD
 - CFA
 - RAC
 - BCTA
 - COFI
 - UBCM
 - BCBC
 - CERCA
 - Tsawwassen First Nation
 - Tsleil-Waututh First Nation



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The Principles

- Polluter pays
- Requirements are based on risk
- Avoid unnecessary duplication
- Fair and transparent
- Opportunities for Communities and First Nations in preparedness & response
- Strong government oversight
- Continuous improvement





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Core Elements in Second Intentions Paper

1. New requirements for spill preparedness, response, reporting and recovery
2. A provincially regulated spill preparedness and response organization
3. An enhanced MoE Environmental Emergencies Program



1. New Requirements

Preparedness	Response	Restoration
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed spill response planning• Staging equipment and trained personnel• Drills and exercises• Community readiness• Area-based planning/geographic response planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spill reporting• Response times for responders and equipment• Trained responders• Use of the incident command system• Additional response actions• Communications plans• Sampling and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental damage assessments• Restoration activities and plans• Addressing loss of access to public amenities• Post-incident reviews



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2. Spill Preparedness and Response Organization (PRO)

- Requires all companies above a certain risk threshold to fund and be a member of a provincially regulated, industry led org.
- Available to meet spill requirements on behalf of members, could be contracted to respond
- Financial access to assist local governments and First Nations in response



3. Enhanced Environmental Emergency Program

- Shift costs of program from solely being covered by tax payers to support from companies that present a risk
- Appropriate resources to ensure industry is meeting all requirements
- Enable the Ministry to step in when a spiller is unable, unwilling or unidentified
- Enhanced capacity to provide more support to local governments and First Nations



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Public Feedback on 2nd IP

- 101 responses received - focused and substantive
- A good mix of responses from Government, FNs, Industry, ENGOs, and the general public
- General support for the measures proposed, though some industry sectors did not support PRO and expressed funding concerns
- No respondent felt existing regime was “very effective” and majority indicated “significant gaps”
- FN and local governments highlighted need for inclusion and funding



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Where are we going next...

1. Review completed and information provided for further consideration by government
2. Continuing work on identified elements pending further direction
3. Policy, regulatory, legislative development
4. Detailed analysis and consultation as we design and implement



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Considerations: Design & Implementation

- Regulatory alignment with federal government, other jurisdictions and other B.C. regulators
- Operational impacts
- Ongoing consultation as we design requirements
- Pending or potential resource development activities
- Setting clear thresholds based on risk
- Several aspects are done voluntarily now
- Fair and transparent funding mechanisms
- Public interest and expectations



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Additional spill related work underway...

- Marine regime – Area Based Planning
- Kinder Morgan Pipeline Review
- Pacific States Oil Spill Task Force
- Nuka Marine Spill Reports
- Tanker Safety Panel Submission
- BC / Alberta Working Group
- Ongoing BC/Federal meetings
- Tri-Partite Working CFN/Prov/Feds
- Transport Canada / Industry DGWG
- Premier's 5 Conditions





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June 16-18, 2015

Vancouver Convention Centre
Vancouver, British Columbia

Changing Landscape: Shifts in Rail,
Pipeline and Vessel Transport

It's Official - Educational Sessions for CLEAN PACIFIC are finalized!

The agenda for this year's [CLEAN PACIFIC Conference & Exhibition](#) is packed full of content covering spill prevention, preparedness & response, best practices & shared knowledge, research & technology, communications, State/Provincial & Federal law, resources at risk, and health & safety. The program was developed by an Advisory Committee representing State/Provincial and Federal government, industry and the non-profit partners in oil spill prevention, preparedness and response.



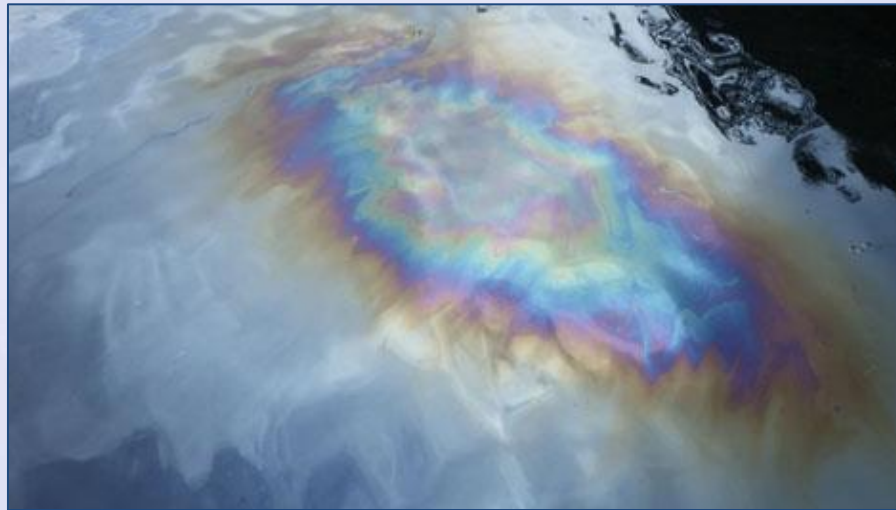
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