

# Response – Reporting and Times

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B.C. Spill Response Regime Engagement  
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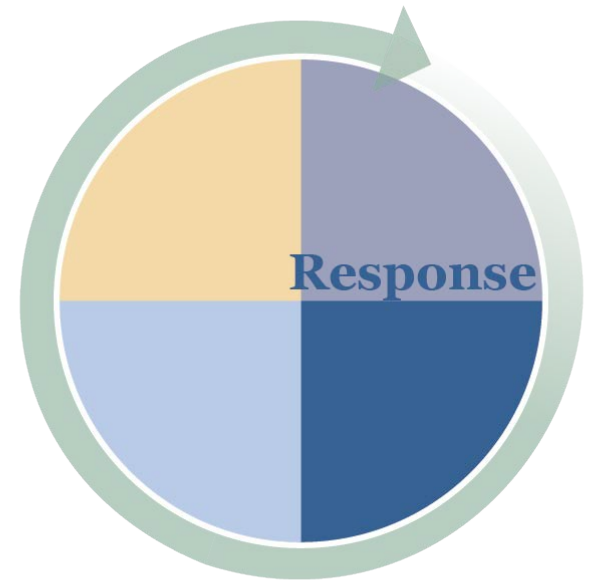


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# Agenda

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- Topics covered:
  - Spill reporting
  - Sampling and monitoring
  - Response times
- Summary
- Next steps and technical working group
- Questions and feedback



# Spill reporting

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- Not clear initially
- Detailed and updated information:
  - assess incident
  - confirm proper response
  - trend analysis



# Spill reporting - before amendments

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Before...

- Spill Reporting Regulation – report spill immediately
- No follow-up reporting required



# Spill reporting - after amendments

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Before...

- Spill Reporting Regulation – report spill immediately
- No follow-up reporting required



After...

Enables regulations on:

- notification,
- sampling, monitoring, and assessing the spill,
- reporting and publication



Proposed policy

# Proposed Policy – 5 step report

Report	Report via	Timing	Contents
Initial A	Phone	Immediately, critical info, as directed	As much critical info as available
Initial B	Internet	Within 6 hours	Updated info Photos
Confirmation	Internet	Within 48 hours	Initial damage assessment, Resources deployed, Maps, etc.
Follow-up	Internet	Every 30 days	Monitoring data, photos, actions completed, next steps, etc.
End of spill	Internet	30 days after response completed	Final info, monitoring and other reports, photos etc.

# Sampling and monitoring

- Sampling and monitoring for:
  - Health and safety
  - Impact assessment
- Intentions paper 3
  - Publish data
  - Guidelines or rules
  - Capture in spill contingency plans
  - Qualified professionals



# Response times

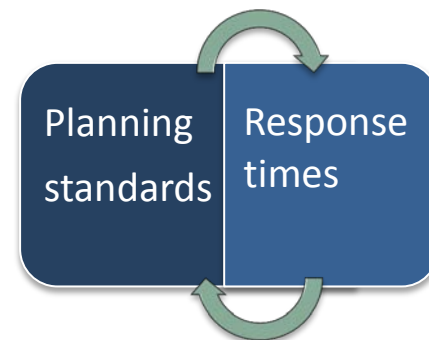
- Ensures certain response actions occur within specified time
- Timely activation:
  - Effective response
  - Minimizes impacts
  - Protects human health and environment



# Response times - other jurisdictions

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- USA federal and states for oil
  - Federal – tier response times
  - State of Alaska and California – response times and clean up standards
  - State of Washington – planning standards
- Canada
  - Transport Canada – marine tiered response times
  - Industry guidelines
    - Canadian Energy Pipeline Association Guidelines
    - Canadian Fuels Association Guidelines



# Response times - before amendments

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Before...

- No requirements
- Industry guidelines



# Response times - after amendments

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Before...

- No requirements
- Industry guidelines



After...

- Enables prescribing times



Proposed policy

# Response times - proposed milestones

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- See Intentions Paper 3
- Examples of actions to set response times
  - Activate Geographic Response Plan (GRP)
  - Activate incident communications
  - Shoreline assessments
  - Establish formal Incident Command Post
  - Wildlife Assessment

# Response times - Recognize circumstances

- Balance responding or not
  - Extreme weather event
  - Unusual circumstances
  - Safety assessment
  - Net Environmental Benefit
- Good record keeping



# Response times - considerations

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Blanket approach or multiple...

Oil  
or Other  
hazardous materials

Urban  
or  
Rural

ARP/GRP area  
or  
not

Aquatic  
or  
Terrestrial

High traffic corridors  
or  
Low traffic corridors

Regulated person  
or  
not

# Summary

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- Spill report
  - 5 steps – Initial to Post Spill
  - Transparency
- Sampling and monitoring
  - Safety
  - Environment impacts
- Response times
  - Proposed milestones
  - Considerations for response times

# Next steps

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- Workshop input
- Technical working group – response time
- Intentions Paper 3 - Feedback online
- Confirm policy - regulations

# Questions?

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# Discussion Questions

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- Spill reports
  - Any input on the proposed level of reporting and timing?
- Proposed response milestones
  - Which should not be a response time and why?
  - Anything missing?
- Response times
  - Set blanket times or specific area/sector and why?
  - Any factors to consider for setting times (e.g. public safety, costs, damage)?

# Thank you

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# Feedback on the Intentions Paper 3

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Until June 30, 2016, please provide your comments on the Intentions Paper 3 in the following ways:

1. As an individual, post your comments publically at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/spillresponse/>
2. As an representative of your organization, submit formal attachments on organizational letterhead to [spillresponse@gov.bc.ca](mailto:spillresponse@gov.bc.ca) . All attachments will then be posted publically at the website above.