



### WHEN RESTORATION IS NOT REASONABLY ACHIEVABLE

- ✓ If the director is satisfied that a spill's impacts cannot be completely or reasonably restored, they may order the responsible person to amend their recovery plan to provide for offsite mitigation or in-lieu payment.

### CONCLUSION OF THE RECOVERY PROCESS

- ✓ Once a recovery plan has been approved by a director, the responsible person must carry out the recovery plan by a date specified by the director.

### CERTIFICATE OF RECOVERY

- ✓ After review, if satisfied that the recovery plan has been carried out, the director may issue a Certificate of Recovery to the responsible person. A director may choose to not issue a certificate of recovery when: 1) it is too difficult to isolate the effects of one spill from a previous spill or contamination, 2) when multiple jurisdictions or stakeholders are impacted by the spill or have legislative authority, or 3) long term effects of the spilled substance are unknown, or 4) at the director's discretion.



#### ADDITIONAL FACT SHEETS: [WWW.GOV.BC.CA/SPILLRESPONSE](http://WWW.GOV.BC.CA/SPILLRESPONSE)

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| 01 | REGULATED PERSON                   |
| 02 | RESPONSIBLE PERSON                 |
| 03 | SPILL REPORTING                    |
| 04 | LESSONS-LEARNED REPORT             |
| 05 | COST RECOVERY                      |
| 06 | REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION |
| 07 | SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING         |
| 08 | TESTING SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANS    |
| 09 | RECOVERY PLAN                      |

**THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE USED  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BC SPILL  
CONTINGENCY PLANNING REGULATION  
AS THIS PAMPHLET IS NOT A LEGAL  
DOCUMENT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE  
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# Environmental Protection Division

## COMPLIANCE

### SPILL PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY REGULATION



Ministry of  
Environment and  
Climate Change Strategy

## RECOVERY PLAN

- ✓ The focus of the recovery plan is to identify environmental impacts caused by the spill and outline actions to be taken to return the natural environment to its pre-spill condition, to the extent that is feasible.

### A RECOVERY PLAN MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ A summary of the spill, including what was spilled and its potential adverse effects on the environment, human health and infrastructure;
- ✓ How much was spilled, and response actions carried out in relation to the spill;
- ✓ A description of the environment prior to the spill;

- ✓ An assessment of the potential impacts of the spill;
- ✓ An assessment of the actual impacts of the spill;
- ✓ A summary of proposed recovery actions, which identifies and weighs alternatives;
- ✓ A description of quantifiable targets and timelines for recovery actions;
- ✓ A description of what the post-recovery environment will be following the implementation of the recovery plan; and
- ✓ A summary of engagement and consultation with First Nations government, local government, residents, businesses and non-profit stakeholders impacted by the spill or with knowledge of the area.

## RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RECOVERY

- ✓ The responsible person should hire a third party with the necessary qualifications to carry out the work and write the recovery plan.

## APPROVAL PROCESS

