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# News Release

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## Chemical Spill at Canfor Sites on PG Pulp Mill Road

During the night, a broken pipe between the PG Pulp and Intercon Mill Sites caused a spill of chlorine dioxide, a bleaching chemical used in the production of paper. Approximately 14 cubic metres of the chemical spilled onto railway tracks between the two mill sites.

Prince George Fire Rescue, the Ministry of Environment, Canfor and CN staff have assessed the spill and determined there is **NO DANGER** to any residents of PG Pulp Mill Road. The spill location is several kilometres from any residences. Workers in the immediate vicinity (within 500 metres) have been moved away, and the neighbouring industrial plants have been notified. The spill has been contained between the railway tracks, and is not spreading beyond the original spill location. A strong wind from the south is dissipating any chlorine vapours northward to vacant land. The spill site is 1 kilometre from the Fraser River, and there is no immediate danger of leakage into the river.

Canfor staff are neutralizing the chemical and cleaning up the spill in cooperation with CN staff. Prince George Fire Rescue staff are distributing information door-to-door for the residents of PG Pulp Mill Road.