

Diesel Spill Event Similkameen Falls Area

The Incident

- On April 4, 2016 just after 08:00 a.m. ministry staff were notified of a motor vehicle incident on Highway 3 involving a transport truck.
- The incident occurred on Highway 3 in the Similkameen Falls area, south of Princeton and east of E.C. Manning Provincial Park's east gate.
- The cab and trailer were separated in the incident, with the trailer leaving the road surface and moving approximately 100 feet down an embankment.
- It is assumed that the trailer has lost approximately 20,000L of diesel fuel with an undetermined amount entering water near the Similkameen River.

Initial Response

- BC Ministry of Environment has dispatched Environmental Emergency Response staff and BC Parks staff to the incident.
- RCMP and road crews were also dispatched to the scene. An emergency response contractor has been retained and response crews and equipment are enroute to the site.
- A scene assessment is being organized to give responding agencies information about the extent of the spill.
- The ministry has notified First Nations, health officials and other agencies. Washington State has also been notified as a precautionary measure, in case the spilled material moves across the border.



Information provided here is considered preliminary, pending confirmation from ministry staff attending the scene. Updates will be made to this report as information becomes available.