

EX COAL HARBOUR SPILL RESPONSE

Update on Coal Harbour Incident

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Vancouver, B.C. – Parkland continues to lead the spill response operation in Coal Harbour together with Unified Command members the Canadian Coast Guard, BC Ministry of Environment and City of Vancouver. Western Canada Marine Response Corp. (WCMRC) is onsite and leading cleanup operations on behalf of the polluter.

Under Canada’s Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response Regime, managed by Transport Canada, the polluter is responsible for paying the cost of an oil spill cleanup, including third-party damages.

ON-WATER OPERATIONS

During a routine barge-to-barge transfer at the Parkland Legacy Barge in Coal Harbour, a pinched hose caused a rupture which resulted in a substantial amount of diesel fuel entering the water.

SAFETY

Safety is the primary concern for both first responders and the public. Security and safety plans are continually being developed and implemented. The public is requested to avoid contact with water in and around Coal Harbour.

If the public detects fumes, they are recommended to avoid the area and report the odour to the 24-hour public call-in line at 1-888-801-5860. Members of the public are asked to call 9-1-1 **only** if they have an emergency.

SHORELINE IMPACT

If you see oil on beaches on or around Coal Harbour, please call the 24-hour reporting line at 1-888-801-5860. Please do not attempt to clean up the oil yourself. Oil is a hazardous material and requires proper disposal by professionals. If beaches have been impacted by oil, Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique teams will be deployed to assess the impact and recommend appropriate cleanup tactics.

WILDLIFE

The public is advised to avoid contact with oiled wildlife but are encouraged to report any oiled wildlife sightings to the 24-hour reporting line at 1-888-801-5860.

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The **24-hour public information call-in line** has been set-up at **1-888-801-5860**.