



Update: Hibernia confirms discharge volume

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St. John's, Newfoundland: Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) is continuing response efforts regarding a release from the platform on July 17. The discharge, a mix of water and oil, occurred during routine activities related to removing water from one of the storage cells.

Based on aerial surveillance, the estimated volume of oil released from the Hibernia platform was 75 barrels of oil, equivalent to approximately 12,000 litres. The surveillance flights were carried out by PAL and included an independent regulatory observer.

"Everyone at HMDC takes safety and protection of the environment very seriously," said Scott Sandlin, president of HMDC. "We're disappointed the discharge occurred, but we are working diligently to minimize impacts on the environment."

A single vessel side sweep (SVSS) has been deployed from a response vessel in the area. SVSS is a boom-type system deployed over the side of a vessel to collect oil from the water. A skimmer is then used to collect the oil from the SVSS and store it on the vessel for disposal in accordance with waste management regulations. Other response activities have included mechanical dispersion, deploying sorbent boom, deploying a tracking buoy, and surveillance flights.

All platform personnel are safe.

Wildlife observers were deployed on July 17 – one by vessel and one was on the PAL overflight. In addition, crews continue to observe from the supply vessel. No wildlife have been observed in the area.

HMDC notified the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Eastern Canada Response Corporation (ECRC) and other stakeholders.

An investigation is ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

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