

Update: Hibernia platform discharge

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Time: 1:45 p.m. (Newfoundland time)

St. John's, Newfoundland: Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) is continuing response efforts regarding a release from the platform earlier today.

HMDC confirms a mix of water and oil was discharged from one of the platform's storage cells this morning. HMDC is currently working to determine the volume of oil released. The discharge was an isolated activity related to lowering levels in one of the storage cells and does not impact ongoing production operations.

All platform personnel are safe.

The supply vessel crew advised that the sheen, first estimated to be approximately 20 metres x 900 metres, is dissipating. Sheen monitoring is ongoing.

Initial response included mechanical dispersion and deploying sorbent boom from the Avalon Sea, the platform's support vessel. A buoy was deployed to track the ongoing positioning of the sheen. A PAL surveillance flight is taking place this afternoon.

HMDC has notified the Canada- Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, 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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