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# Moving Towards World Leading Spill Preparedness, Response and Recovery in British Columbia



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## Presentation overview

- Drivers for change
- Work to date
- Core Elements
- Considerations Moving Forward
- Next Steps...







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## Drivers for Change

- Address known gaps and deficiencies
- Meet evolving public expectations
- Resource development activities and proposals





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## Work To Date

Nov 2012

First Intentions Paper

Jan 2013

Minister's roundtable

Mar 2013

Symposium

Jun-Dec 2013

Working Groups/Advisory Committee

Jun-Dec 2013

Federal-provincial meetings

Nov 2013 - Present

First Nations and ENGO engagement and drafting of second intentions paper

April 25 2014

Release of Second Intentions Paper

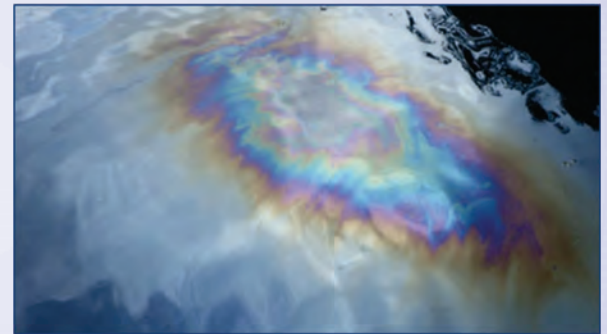


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## Stakeholder Consultation

- 1 Advisory Committee
- 3 technical working groups
- 19 main topic areas explored



*Technical expertise and perspectives from industry, First Nations, local governments, and environmental non governmental organizations*





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## Core Elements in Second Intentions Paper

1. New requirements for spill preparedness, response, and recovery
2. A mandatory, provincially certified, spill preparedness and response organization
3. Expanded Ministry of Environment - Environmental Emergency Program





## New Spill Requirements

Preparedness	Response	Recovery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprehensive response planning</li><li>• Response capability and capacity</li><li>• Drills and exercises</li><li>• Community and First Nation participation</li><li>• Geographic Response Plans</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved spill reporting</li><li>• Mandatory response times</li><li>• Additional response actions</li><li>• Responder certification</li><li>• Incident command System</li><li>• Communications plans</li><li>• Public health and other sampling and monitoring</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental damage assessments</li><li>• Environmental Restoration</li><li>• Loss of public use</li><li>• Post-incident reviews</li><li>• Recovery / Response Fund</li></ul>





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## Mandatory Spill Preparedness and Response Organization (PRO)

- Require companies above a risk threshold to fund and hold membership in a provincially regulated, industry led PRO
- Meet planning & preparedness requirements
- Provide an assured capability and capacity
- Create a fund to ensure response, recovery, and Local Govt. & First Nation participation



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## Enhanced Environmental Emergency Program

- Risk bringer funding to support program
- Additional resources to complete prevention, preparedness, response and recovery activities
- Enable improved industry oversight
- Ensure government is ready to takeover when spiller is unable, unwilling or unidentified



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## Considerations Moving Forward

- Avoid unnecessary regulatory duplication
- Ongoing stakeholder consultation through implementation
- Staged implementation
- Address existing and future risks
- Minimize operational impacts







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## Next Steps..



- Promote IP and encourage stakeholder input
- Summarize feedback
- Provide recommendations to government
- Develop legislation as directed
- Implement new measures



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## Questions?



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*Note: Consultation period open for comments until **June 26, 2014***