

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety
Department of Ecology Spills Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program
Pipeline Oil Spill Contingency Plan and Drill Updates
3/14/2012

I am Sean Orr from the Department of Ecology's Spills Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program. I am currently the Plan Development and Review Lead for Oil Spill Contingency Plans and Geographical Response Plans. Ecology's Spills Program is responsible for review and approval of Oil Spill Contingency Plans and oversight of oil spill drill requirements for pipelines here in Washington State.

Ecology tracks drill progress over a three year cycle. In each of the three years, plan holders are required to have one tabletop exercise and two deployment exercises each year. In one of the three years each facility and vessel is required to hold a worst case drill.

Staffing Update:

Kelli Gustaf who held the Pipeline lead position with Ecology's Spills Program recently accepted a position with Olympic Pipeline.

Ecology has re-classified this position from an Environmental Specialist 4 classification to an Environmental Planner 3 Classification. We feel the Environmental Planner series is more appropriate to meet the needs of the position description, job objectives and essential functions.

This job has recently been advertised and the announcement closed on March 9. We will begin evaluating applications and conducting interviews in the next 2 weeks. We intend to have someone hired and board by mid April.

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ConocoPhillips Pipe Line Company-Yellowstone Pipeline

- ConocoPhillips facing an organizational change. From what we can tell there will be little impact to the pipeline except name change. We are always concerned about companies retaining their spill management teams and it looks as if theirs will be intact.
- We continue to work with ConocoPhillips Pipe Line Company-Yellowstone Pipeline to grant final plan approval of their Contingency Plan.
- Key issue there is they need to meet the planning standards for the Moses Lake Terminal or find another alternative.

2012 Scheduled Drills:

- 04/19/2012: Deployment Drill - Moses Lake, 10715 Road 7 NE
Moses Lake, WA
- 10/2/2012: Table Top and Worst Case Drill - Spokane City/County Emergency Operations Center
1618 North Rebecca Spokane, WA 99217

Nustar Pasco Pipeline

- Nothing new to report. Plan was approved in August of 2010 and is due for update in August of 2015.

2012 Scheduled Drills: None at this time

Chevron Pipe Line Company

- Chevron has undertaken extensive training (classroom and in the field) of their contractors to improve responses to spills in rivers. They are exceeding our expectations in with these efforts. We will be participating with them in a 3 day boom deployment training in April.
- No major updates to the Oil Spill Contingency Plan. Plan approved in November 2011 and due again in November of 2015.

2011 Scheduled Drills:

- 03/14/2012: Worst Case Drill - Pasco, WA.
- April 2012: 3 day boom deployment training for drill issues on 8/16/2011 – see below.

Drill note: On 8/16/2011, Chevron contractors, Big Sky Industrial, attempted to deploy SPR 63.0, but were unable to, so the drill ended before the GRP was deployed. Ecology has required MSRC to provide more training to their STAR contractors and asked Chevron to be a part of the training.

Olympic Pipe Line Company

- No major updates to the Oil Spill Contingency Plan. Plan approved in January 2011 and due again in January of 2015.

2012 Scheduled Drills:

- 05/9/2012: *Deployment Drill and Tabletop Drill* - Central Area (Renton, WA)
- 08/27/2012: *Deployment Drill and Table Top Drill* - South Area (Columbia River)
- 10/3/2012: *Deployment Drill and Table Top Drill* - Meet at the Bayview Products Terminal (14879 Ovenell Road Mount Vernon, WA) for a pre-drill safety meeting. Proceed to deployment location.

Kinder Morgan Pipeline (TransMountain Pipeline)

- No major updates to the Oil Spill Contingency Plan. Plan approved in August of 2009 and due again in August of 2014.

2012 Scheduled Drills:

- 3/14/2012: Deployment Drill - Laurel Station 1009 E. Smith rd. Bellingham WA 98226.
- 10/17/2012: Worst Case Drill - Hampton Inn, 3985 Bennett Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225.

Rule Update

Ecology's Oil spill Contingency Planning Rule will be opened formally in June. We are currently conducting an informal review process with stakeholders now. It focuses primarily on requirements regulated vessels but one change may impact oil pipelines. We are considering a change to the requirement to notify when spills occur to ground or into containment and threaten state waters (surface or ground). The change would ensure there would be early notification and if necessary implementation of the company's oil spill contingency plan. Right now the reporting standards are not clear on when a facility must report a spill to ground. We will brief the committee at a future meeting on this issue.

This concludes Ecology's update.