Notes from
Kinder-Morgan Worst Case Spill Scenario Drill
Bellingham Washington – May 1, 2014

Washington State Departments involved in Drill W/ KM personnel:

- Ecology Dept.
- Dept. of Natural Resources
- Fish and Wildlife
- Dept. of Health

Federal Participant -

- US Coast Guard

Operational Goal For all Concerned – Focus is on Spill Prevention

Purpose of the Drill is:

- Preparedness in the event of a spill
- A Learning and Lesson Opportunity

Primary Staff and Corporate Objective is a Zero Spill Goal

Requirements for this Drill:

- Operation as a Joint Command – Directors must have completed ICS Level 400 training.
- Utilize Specific Knowledge of each agency participating.

Kinder-Morgan Facts:

- Kinder-Morgan and the State of Washington currently has the Lowest Spill Volume in the Nation.
- Purchased Pipeline in Washington from Trans Mountain Pipeline in 2005
- Moves 300K BBLs of liquid product per day from Canadian Border to the Bellingham Marine Terminal.
- Limits Product Viscosity and Density (Max Density 0.94 SPG.)
- Maintains containment equipment on a ready status deployable by helicopter.
US Coast Guard

- Operates under 1990 act on spills.
- Trains W/ pipelines to help keep Pipeline Personnel up to date on changes.
- MRSC – Marine Spill Recovery Command
- Present were the Information Office and the Liaison Officer
- One of the broadest authorities in the country with 51% of liquid products passing through the Marine Environment.

Department of Ecology

- Conducts three Table Tops Drills per year for each operator – Like a Hollywood set.
- 35 Table Tops per year
- Practices one deployment drill per year per operator
- Present case load on spills –eight this year

Washington Fish and Wildlife

- Responsible for the Migratory Bird Act.
- Clean-up crews cannot touch birds by law?

FEMA – Drill uses ICS Command structure

- Directors and participants must be qualified and signed-off on the particular type of incident being run
- Requires a facility plan
- An Industry Plan and Partners to assist in Spill operation.

Drill development requires a 60 to 90 day lead time for preparation by all parties.

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