

August 27, 2024 Enforcement File: 2024-0076

Ovintiv Canada ULC PO Box 2850 500 Centre Street, SE Calgary, AB T2P 2S5

Attention: Gemma Syme

## RE: Warning: Fail To Immediatley Report Spill- DGIR 242448

Dear Gemma Syme,

On June 23, 2024, at 18:00 PST, Ovintiv Canada ULC had a 750 litre invert spill at their 02-15-077-14 W6M location. The spill was reported to Emergency Management and Climate Readiness on June 24, 2024, at 07:55 PST. This is more than 12 hours after the spill.

Section 79(5) of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) states:

- 5) If a polluting substance escapes or is spilled or waste is introduced into the environment other than as allowed or authorized by (a) section 6 [waste disposal], or
- (b) a bylaw under section 31 [control of air contaminants in Greater Vancouver], the person who had possession, charge or control of the substance or waste immediately before the escape, spill or introduction must, immediately after he or she learns of the escape, spill or introduction, report the escape, spill or introduction in accordance with the regulations.

Section 2(b) of the Spill Reporting Regulation 187/2017(SRR) requires that 750 litres of invert is a reportable quantity of spilled substance and Section 4(1) of the SRR states:

If a spill occurs or is at imminent risk of occurring, a responsible person must ensure that the actual or potential spill is **immediately** reported to the Provincial Emergency Program by calling 1-800-663-3456.

Ovintiv Canada ULC is the permit holder for the subject location and is responsible for the operations and activities that are conducted at the location. The spill was contained on lease and did not result in any significant impact to public safety or the environment.

Ovintiv Canada ULC did fail to immediately report the spill as required by the EMA and the SRR.



Given the circumstances, Ovintiv Canada ULC is hereby issued a warning only for the following: Ovintiv Canada ULC, on or about June 23, 2024, at or near Dawson Creek, in the Province of BC, being in possession, charge, or control of a polluting substance did fail to immediately report the escape, spill or introduction of such substance contrary to section 79(5) of EMA.

This warning letter will be included as part of Ovintiv Canda ULC's official compliance history

If Ovintiv Canada ULC has any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Enforcement

**BC Energy Regulator** 

