



### Planning and Preparing Effective Environmental Emergency Response

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## Overview

Beginnings Regulatory Context Program Fundamentals Successes and Challenges Lessons Learned Questions



# Beginnings

A comprehensive preparedness program is essential for effective environmental response

- Industry has recognized the Value of Preparedness for Environmental Emergencies
  - Social, Reputational
  - Environmental
  - Operational
  - Financial
- Learnings from previous events
  - Enbridge
  - Stantec
- Regulatory Environment
- Using Organizational Structure



# Beginnings

The program is formalized to address **environmental matters** in a response that:







is different from operational preparedness

has standardized plans and guidance

establishes defensible procedures



helps train and prepare staff

prepares execution templates ahead of time maps environmentally sensitive areas

# Regulatory Context

Elements of program are developed to:

- Meet Enbridge Operational Needs throughout Canada
- Meet or exceed federal and provincial regulatory requirements
- Capture industry best practices and standards
- Establish confidence and trust with stakeholders



# Program Fundamentals

- Standard Operating Procedures
- Templates for Plans and Reports
- Environmental Sensitivity Mapping
- Program Management
- Training and Exercising
- Resources and Agreements
- Emergency Response Directory



# **Standard Operating Procedures**

### Components

- Predetermined steps and methods, requirements, and deliverables
- Suggested timelines for activities
- Standardized actions for uncertain conditions, vetted by subject matter experts
  - Examples:
  - Drinking Water Well Assessment SOP
  - Groundwater Impact
    Tactics SOP
  - Community Air Monitoring
    and Sampling Plan



- No guesswork!
- Allows staff to make informed decisions in early stages of a response

# **Templates for Plans and Reports**

### Components

A set of plans and templates that are ready for staff to populate in the event of a release

#### Plans

Community Air Monitoring

Decontamination

Drinking Water Sampling

Groundwater, Soil, Sediment, Surface Water Sampling

Wildlife Deterrence and Management

Recovered Product Tracking

Waste Management

Resources at Risk Assessment

Initial Cleanup Plan

Remedial Action Plan

#### Reports

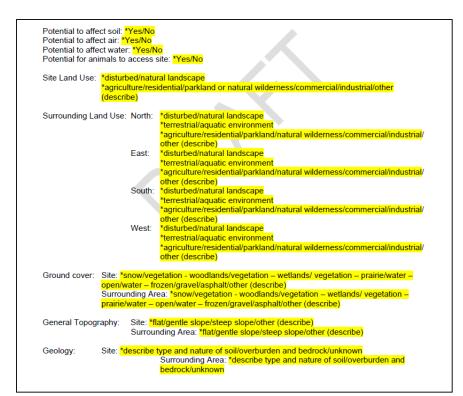
Environmental Site Assessment

Remediation Closure Report

# **Templates for Plans and Reports**

### Value

- Site specific plans and actions documented and communicated quickly
- Standardized format, standardized deliverables
- Excellent for communicating with other Sections in ICS, Regulators and Stakeholders



# **Environmental Sensitivity Mapping**

#### -) Components

- A set of maps developed for each of the mainline pipelines in Canada and the US
- Updated on a regular schedule to keep information current and relevant



- information centralized and organized for response
- Prompt identification of environmental priorities
- Used to populate other tools in the program
- Demonstrates to stakeholders knowledge of environmental setting

### **Environmental Sensitivity Mapping**



## **Program Management**

### Components

- Description of staff roles and responsibilities EU Position
- On-Call system
- Consultant minimum scopes of work
- Project management tools
  - Data portal
  - Action trackers
  - Staff role assignment tools
  - Handoff planning tools



- Scopes of work and roles and responsibilities ready prior to release
- Real-time management tools on portal save time and money, increase speed of response and reporting

## **Training and Exercising**

### Components

- ICS training including EUL for environmental staff
  - Specialized subject area training
    - SCAT programs and assessments
    - Wildlife response
    - Air monitoring
  - Environmental unit specific exercises
  - Participation in regional full scale and tabletop exercises



- Response staff familiar with ICS
- Allows staff to seamlessly assume roles and integrate into response structure
- Response staff have already worked together in exercise environment prior to response

## **Resources and Agreements**

#### Components

- Primary Resources:
  - Wildlife
  - ESA and Remediation
  - Project management
  - Field Support
  - GIS and Data Management
  - Specialized Resources:
    - Community Air Monitoring and Sampling
    - Wildlife rehabilitation
    - SCAT
  - Laboratory
    - Dedicated equipment, response procedures, project managers

### Value

- Agreements in place before events insurance, billing, ISNet
- Relationships and expectations established ahead of response

## **Environmental Response Directory**

### Enbridge Environment Emergency Response Directory

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## **Environmental Response Directory**

### ) Components

- A compilation of relevant materials for **environmental response**
- Lists of contacts, copies of plan templates, reports
- Updated annually to ensure information is up-to-date
- Electronic copy of ERD (including SOPs, templates, etc.) provided on USB to responders
- Best practice

### Value

- At your fingertips resource, distinct from operational response plans
- Critical information centralized for initial formation of the EU
- Helps EUL and EU staff do their job
- Program elements available in one spot in the most current form

### Successes



- Standardized plans and guidance documents
- Established of standardized procedures
- Training and preparing through EU-specific exercises
- Preparing execution templates ahead of time
- Verification of program value through response experience
- Positive feedback on the program from stakeholders



## Challenges

- Creating material to apply across multiple jurisdictions
  - Establishing materials to address most eventualities and understand where the exceptions are
  - Adapting plans to address changing site conditions
  - Real-time data management - it's critical to keep stakeholders informed



### **Lessons Learned**

- Program value is obtained through efficient response
  - Focused protection of Human and Ecological Resources
  - Organized and streamlined activities
  - Pre-vetted materials
  - Rapid day one plan deployment
    - SSA/ICS 232
    - Waste Management
    - Community Air Monitoring
    - Wildlife Deterrence
    - Surface Water and Potable Water Monitoring
  - Non-monetary benefits including
    - preservation of reputation
    - stakeholder relations,
    - reduction in stress on teams,
    - organization, familiar parameters and structure

