



Environment Canada Updates

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EC Environmental Program Update

- On July 3rd, EC's environmental emergencies program has consolidated its preparedness and response expertise at the National Environmental Emergencies Centre (NEEC) in Montreal, Quebec.
- The program management and participation in regulatory, prevention and preparedness policy work still occur in Gatineau, Quebec.
- In addition to these two offices, every EC region (Atlantic, Ontario, Quebec, Prairie and Northern, and Pacific and Yukon) has one position to liaise with international, regional / local agencies and industry in order to maintain good prevention and preparedness relationships. In Ontario Region, Dale Gration is our staff member.



REET Update

- EC will continue to contribute to the Regional Environmental Emergency Teams (REET) for significant spills.
- EC is considering governance and operational options to ensure that REET maintains the capacity to consolidate and share scientific advice with the lead agencies and responsible parties in an impartial and timely manner during environmental emergencies.
- A discussion on the future implementation of the REET model will occur in Saint John, New Brunswick on October 17-18. This discussion, focused on the Atlantic Region, will nonetheless inform EC's role and systems for preparedness and response actions in other parts of the country as well. Updates will be provided following this discussion.



CANUSCENT Update

- Last winter, the regional annexes to the Inland Plan (CANUSEAST, CANUSQUE and CANUSCENT) were in the final stage of completion.
- In May, we informed the EPA (Beatriz Oliveira and Mark Mjones) that the process has halted given EC's consolidation.
- It is understood that these annexes being operational documents, they can likely be revised to conceptually incorporate the changes to EC. However, one of the main section requiring revision is section 203 which define the Regional Environmental Emergency Team (REET). EC is currently evaluating his role in REET and revising this section would not be opportune at this time. Nonetheless, the revisions to the above annexes could potentially be done following EC's discussions and path forward in mid-October.