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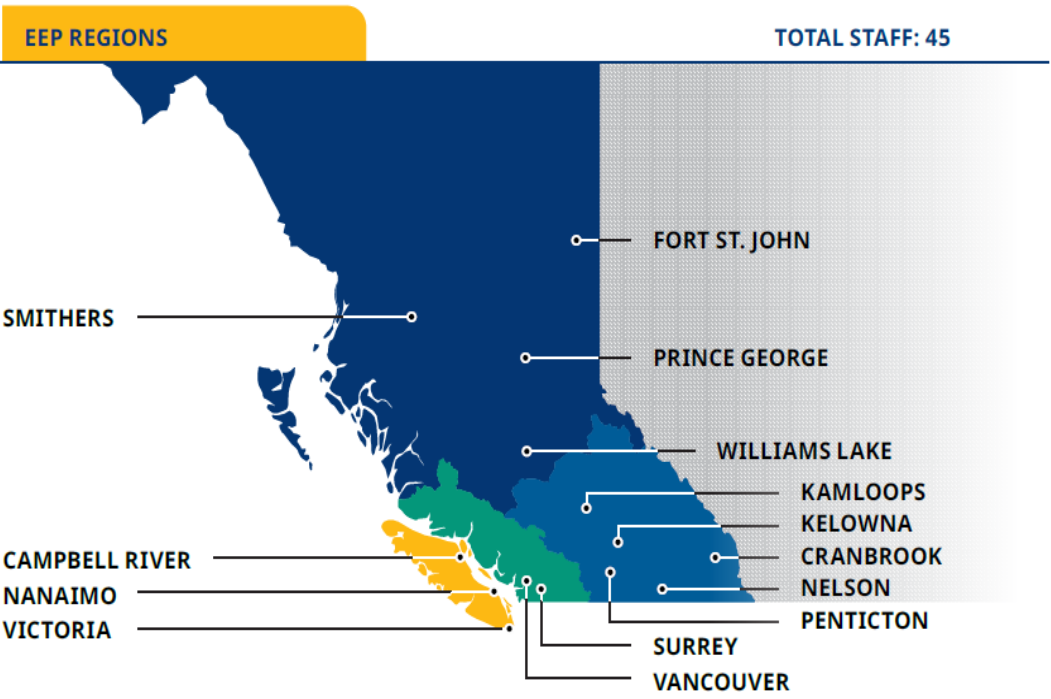
Jurisdictional Update Oil Spill Task Force Annual Meeting

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About Us

EEP Team

EEP currently consists of 45 staff who carry out activities to protect the environment. Team members are strategically located in 14 communities throughout B.C.



Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy



PILLARS

Preparedness

- Building the capacity and capabilities to respond effectively
- Following best practices in environmental emergency planning from B.C. and around the world

Response

- Ensuring response readiness, conducting day-to-day response operations including spill response
- Developing provincial response policies and procedures

Recovery

- Restoring the environment to pre-spill condition through monitoring and sampling
- Recovering residual spilled product, treating contaminants and monitoring of the receiving environment

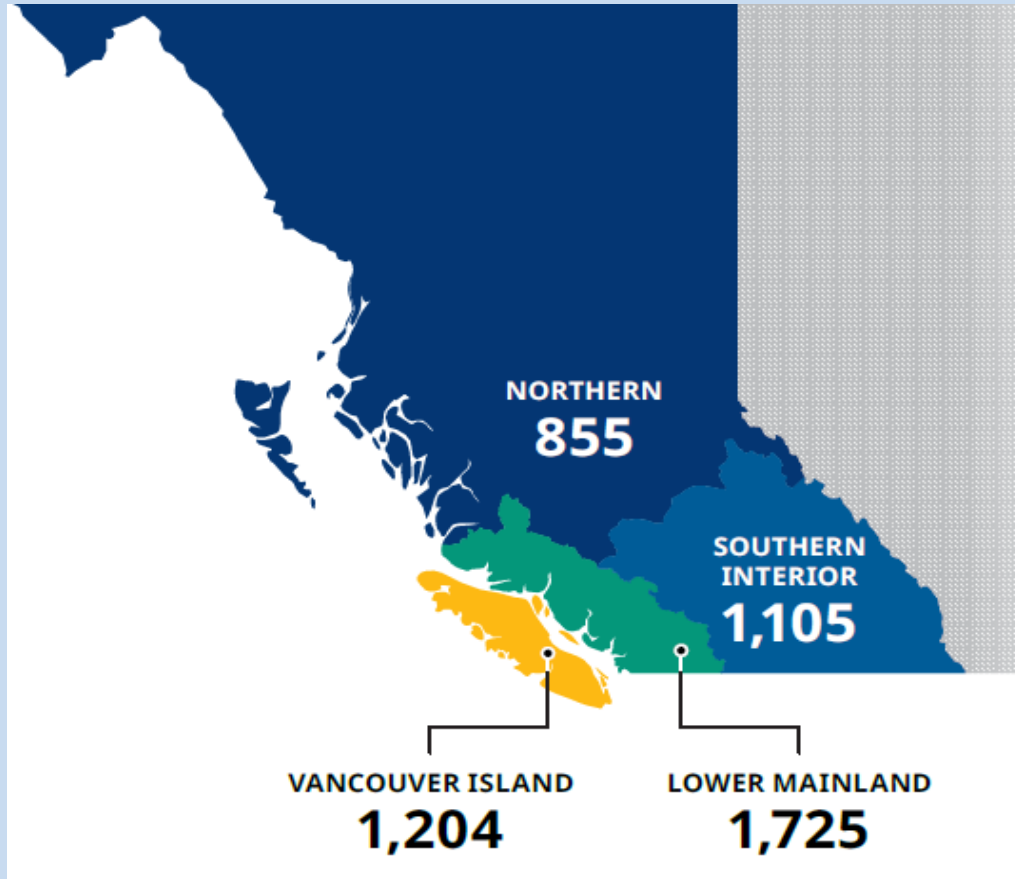
Mitigation*

- Future pillar focused on mitigating the effects of environmental emergencies through designed planning and forecasting
- Flood debris management and climate adaptation

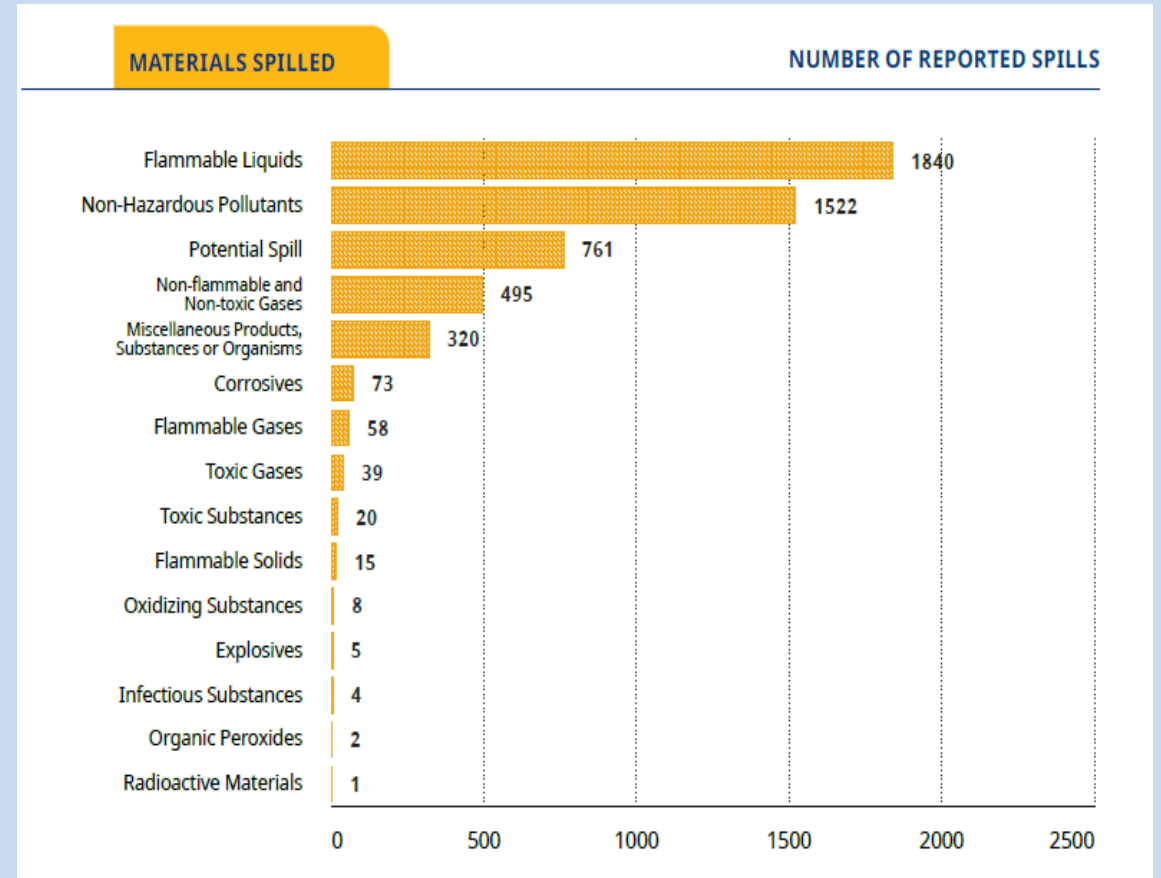


SPILLS 2022-23

By Region



By Material



SIGNIFICANT SPILL

Tanker Truck Incident on Alaska Highway

On August 25, 2022, a transport truck carrying 40,000L of highly flammable condensate was involved in a single motor vehicle incident on the Alaska Highway (Highway 97) in the Sikanni Chief area.

The incident resulted in a spill and fire that caused structural damage to the Sikanni Chief Bridge and impacted the Sikanni River. The fire also damaged communication infrastructure which resulted in the loss of internet and landlines as far north as the Yukon.

Due to the chemical hazard and environmental sensitivity of the area, EEP deployed an Environmental Emergency Response Officer (EERO) to assess the site, ensure clean-up efforts were ongoing, and provide a coordination role in incident management. Part of the complexity of the incident was due to the spill occurring on a section of the Alaska Highway managed by the Federal government. Thus, sampling and remediation requirements differed on and off the highway right-of-way.

EEP acted as the primary provincial government representative for the incident and liaised with other agencies. The highway was reopened to traffic almost two months after the incident due to bridge weight restrictions.



WHAT'S AHEAD?

- Modernized Provincial Emergency Management Legislation
- Increasing collaboration with the BC Energy Regulator via an updated Memorandum of Understanding
- EEP's expansion from a program to a branch



THANK YOU



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