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In response for comments for Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Regime I would like to submit the following.

In my working career I was involved with an Oil Handling facility (OHF). I was witness to a major oil spill in the '70 where we had no response equipment and were left to our ingenuity to deal with the spill. Coast Guard responded after many hours as they were not near this area. to this day we could do some shore line inspection and find some tar balls.

A few years ago there was a spill at the same OHF and the environment consequences were minimal due to the requirement of the present regime where OHF are trained and have equipment ready to be used.

Yes the present regime can be improved but we must keep in mind that the present Response Organizations (RO) have huge inventory of equipment that can be cascaded within our great country.

A concerns that I have is we are moving more and more product via pipeline, in the event of a spill we should have clear line of would response to the spill? Would the present RO be involved? They have the expertise and equipment, so is Canadian Coast Guard. Provincial Environment Department are presently not equip for this type of clean up, and could affect many provinces.

Weakness in the present regime

-Regional preparedness, spill happening in the Gulf of St Lawrence could impact several provinces. There is very little hands on exercises between different provinces.

- Oil Platforms have different jurisdiction than OHF.

-Different management organization structures between Government and RO in the event of a spill.

Present Regime is not broke and much better than what we had, care should be taken that we don't regress.

Thank You

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