

SECTION 10

SPILLS TO THE RIVER

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1. CODE 8 - SPILLS TO THE RIVER:

- 1.1 Code 8 is used to report and unanticipated noticeable disturbance, or a potential problem, which could cause concern or injury by parties external to a CVECO members site
- 1.1 A spill to the river is considered to be an incident that may cause public concern.
- 1.2 A Code 8 will be issued to provide the municipal authorities with factual information regarding the incident, so they have the ability to respond to queries from the public.
- 1.3 There will be no designated CVECO response, under this code.
 - The company with the spill has the responsibility of notifying the MOE Spills Action Center 800 – 268 - 6060.
- 1.4 When notified of a spill to the river, the Sarnia Fire/Police Dispatcher will notify Sarnia Coast Guard Radio to give general warning to shipping to remain clear of the area until the all clear is received.

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2. CVECO MEMBER PROCEDURES:

- 2.1 Each CVECO member will have internal emergency procedures that will outline their actions and/or response to the Code 8 – spill to the river.
- 2.2 As a minimum the procedures will outline.
 - Information the Plant Dispatcher is to provide Police/Fire Dispatch.
 - Notification of site personnel, neighbours and/or local agencies
 - Response plans to mitigate the situation (if required)

[Index](#)**3. INFORMATION CVECO MEMBERS WILL PROVIDE:**

- 3.1 When provided with an a situation that is classified as noticeable occurrence, the CVECO member will issue a Code 8 over the CVECO radio.
- 3.2 Under CVECO agreement, CVECO members are to provide information as outlined on the “CVECO Code Notification Checklist” (Appendix G - Members Only section).
- Reference Section 3 “Radio & Telephone Communications Part 6
- 3.3 Complete CVECO Code Notification Checklist and fax to Police Dispatch.
- 3.4 If not done with the activation of the code, and the submission of the CVECO checklist (within 10 minutes), the Plant Dispatcher will supply information as soon as reasonably possible.
- It is understood that some information may not be available to the CVECO member who received the call.
- Note: CVECO members are to Update Sarnia Fire-/Police (911) Dispatch at least hourly, or as required until all clear is announced.
- Fire/Police Dispatch will record all clear time and date.

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- 4.1 Eastern Canada Response Corporation (ECRC) is a certified Canadian Coast Guard certified response organization that provides marine oil response services to its members, if requested to do so.
- 4.2 Approved marine oil response services means the provision of equipment, personnel and operational management, for the containment, recovery and clean up (including preventative measures) of oil spilled on water in connection with loading and unloading of oil from ships.
- 4.2 It does not include acting as Incident (on-scene) Commander, lightering of distressed vessels or involvement in 3rd party damage claims or adjustments.
- 4.3 ECRC responds to marine oil spills involving petroleum products as defined in Marpol Annex 1 list.
- Note: Any response to products not on the Marpol annex list requires approval from the President and General Manager of ECRC.
- Contact the ECRC for more information on the products listed in Marpol Annex 1.
- 4.4 Any CVECO member who requests a response from ECRC and who does not have a signed member agreement, must sign the appropriate agreement prior to any response by ECRC.
- 4.5 ECRC provides three types of marine pollution responses as outlined on the next page:
- Member Agreement
 - Subscriber Agreement
 - 3rd Party Agreement

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- Under the Canada Shipping agreement, all oil tankers of 150 gross registered tonnes and above, all ships of 400 gross registered tonnes travelling in Canadian waters and all designated oil handling facilities are required to have a member agreement.
- Members receive a pre-authorized response agreement, activation of ECRC manpower and equipment and the use of ECRC management system, paperwork and status reports.
- Designated facilities in Sarnia are Imperial Oil, Cabot Carbon, Sunoco and Shell.

5.2 Subscriber:

- Is an agreement that is available to companies that are not designated by the Canadian Coast Guard and have identified the need for marine oil response services.
- The subscriber pays an annual fee.
- The subscriber has the right to request marine oil spill response services.
- Subscriber members in the Sarnia area are NOVA and Enbridge Pipelines.

5.3 Third Party:

- Is an agreement that is available to a government agency or a company that is neither a member, or a subscriber and requires response services
- The ECRC response services will be limited to the provision of equipment and trained responders (personnel) only.
- This agreement can only be undertaken with the approval of the President and General Manager or Chief Financial Officer of ECRC
- The agreement must be signed prior to the commencement of the response activities.
- The company will supply an Incident (on-scene) Commander who will direct the entire clean-up operations and authorize the use of any equipment.
- All work is completed on a signed work order form.

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- 6.1 Port Party Agreement is a local contract with several CVECO members that allows ECRC trained Port Party oil spill response personnel to utilize specific equipment owned by ECRC (in Corunna) to initiate a response on behalf of the Port Party members spill.
- 6.2 The Port Party member may choose to activate a Port Party response, *but are still required to activate ECRC.*
- 6.3 Shell and Nova are members who have committed five trained personnel each, to form an intermediate spill response capability.
- 6.4 This response agreement lies between the response offered by the member companies and the full response capabilities of ECRC.