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Hey Dave:

Can I see the revised questions that we're engaging on through engagebc?

Regards, Mark

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Hello everyone,

Please find attached the final Spills IP NR and related QA.

The NR will go out at 1:30 p.m. today at this link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/16496>

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Danielle

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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KEY MESSAGES:

- **Our government is working to protect our economy and our environment by having effective spills prevention, response and recovery in place, while making sure that those responsible for spills are also made responsible for fixing the environmental damage they've caused.**
- **The provincial government is seeking input from British Columbians on its next steps to protect B.C.'s land, coast and waters from land and water - based oil spills.**
- **We understand the personal connection British Columbians have with their natural environment and how passionate we all are in making sure it, along with our fish and wildlife, is not put at undue risk from potential spills.**
- **These regulations will build on the first phase of regulations and will continue to strengthen our rules around preparedness, response and recovery from potential spills.**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

1. What is this intentions paper seeking feedback on?

- The intentions paper provides an overview of the proposed regulations, to improve preparedness, response and recovery from potential spills.
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2. Why is there no opportunity to provide feedback on the scientific advisory panel?

- The science panel will be independent; and tasked with filling the existing gaps in knowledge around how bitumen behaves when spilled.
- We will have further details on this going forward.

- 3. Is this an attempt to increase costs to industry to discourage Kinder Morgan?**
 - This is about protecting B.C.'s economy and environment by lessening the impacts of spills. It builds on work our government has completed with the first phase of regulations passed last fall.
- 4. What will be done with the feedback gathered from the intentions paper? What are the next steps?**
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- 5. How are we preventing people outside of British Columbia, who may not have the Province's best interests at heart, from weighing in?**
 - There are a number of technical safeguards in place to help prevent duplicate entries or to identify submissions originating from outside of British Columbia.
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- 6. In the interest of transparency, why is the Province not posting every submission received?**
 - All feedback will be read and considered as part of the public engagement process. Public feedback will be summarized in a public report that will be posted online.
 - In addition, as part of the engagement process, the ministry will hold regional meetings with indigenous peoples throughout April and May 2018.
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- 7. How long is the public consultation period? How can people participate?**
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