

Subject: Dilbit regulations - discussion with Ottawa

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Don, I spoke with Gerry Butts this afternoon on next steps on this file.

Key points:

- federal ministers LeBlanc, Carr and McKinnon will issue a news release tomorrow indicating they believe all our concerns are already covered off, rendering the consultation unnecessary;
- Ottawa is prepared to send officials or arrange a video conference to discuss our proposal and determine if there is any common ground to resolve their concerns about the consultation;
- the Prime Minister wishes to have this clarified in "weeks, not months." Clarification would acknowledge, in its simplest form, that Ottawa has the authority to approve pipelines and has done so in this case.

In conclusion, you should expect a call tomorrow to arrange that discussion. There are related context aspects I can relay to you tomorrow.

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The following KMs for the Premier were developed with MGH following the call.

Phase 2 Spill Regulations proposals under the Environmental Management Act

Key Messages

- Our government knows that the potential for a diluted bitumen/oil spill poses a significant risk to our environment.
- As part of a range of proposals to enhance spill preparedness and response, we announced a proposal to protect our waters by placing restrictions on the increase of diluted bitumen transportation until the behaviour of spilled bitumen can be better understood.
- We are convening an independent scientific advisory panel to make recommendations on how heavy oils can be safely transported and cleaned up if spilled.
- We are following the usual consultation process for regulatory proposals under the Environmental Management Act.

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- Yesterday's announcement was about a proposal to enhance protection of our environment and coastline through the Environmental Management Act

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