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Subject: ENV update for our 4:30 check-in
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Hi Don:

A quick summary attached of the files/issues you may want an update on.

Regards, MZ

ENV Update

Climate:

- Clean Industry Incentive Program (CIIP)
 - 75% floor communicated to facilities for this year
 - DN on benchmarks ready for MZ/DN approval
 - DN on proposing to advance an initial CIIP payment^{s.13}
- Adaptation and Preparedness Strategy
 - Broad engagement replaced with bilateral conversations with key groups
- Sector / interim targets
 - Bilateral work underway with stakeholders and a technical subcommittee of the Climate Council
- Clean Growth Project
 - MNP contracted to explore whether and under what conditions BC export products could lower global GHGs (as per P&A direction). Report expected May 4th. Session with key stakeholders and Climate Council Technical Sub Committee will be planned for mid-May to receive comments and provide advice on next stages of work.
- Coastal First Nations MOU
 - Carbon offset purchases from CFN/Nanwakolas agreed to
- National GHG inventory released April 15 showing BC GHGs have increased 8% since 2007. Decision pending on when to release provincial inventory
 - This, combined with key design decisions on Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Renewable Natural Gas Standard, will impact BC's progress to target. Current modeling shows we are 79% to 2030 target. New number has not been modelled but likely in the 60% range now.

Environmental emergencies and land remediation

- Phase 2 Spills Regulations (response times and geographic response plans)
 - s.13
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Note that the TMEP (TMX) project will meet or exceed our response times.
- Neucel
 - Supreme Court of BC agreed with BC's petition for a bankruptcy order. PwC is now the Neucel trustee
 - No progress recovering cleanup costs from the owners
- South Island Aggregates
 - Work continues but closure of the landfill slowed by COVID

Plastics

- The OIC bringing single-use plastics into the residential recycling program + raising container deposits has been approved by Cabinet but being held for an upcoming announcement
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- PS Malcolmson's report on marine debris is being held pending further direction

Parks

- BC Parks restart proposal has been input into Stephen/Lori
- s.12
- To our knowledge Canada is still proceeding with their drive to protect 25% by 2025

Species at Risk

- Ministry continues to work on species listing and an offsetting and mitigation approaches to guide development
- No new legislation this mandate

COVID response and permitting

- Very few requests from permittees to relax requirements
 - Merritt Green Energy requesting using construction and demolition waste as feedstock due to lack of fibre
 - CNRL requested relaxation of certain permit requirements