

Public Service Announcement

Diesel fuel spill in Pond Inlet

Start Date: June 19, 2024 End Date: July 2, 2024 Pond Inlet, Nunavut

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The Department of Community and Government Services' Petroleum Products Division (PPD) is advising residents of Pond Inlet of a diesel fuel spill discovered on June 11, 2024.

For safety reasons, residents and pets are advised to stay away from the PPD shore manifold area.

At approximately 7 p.m. on June 11, 2024, PPD was alerted to a diesel fuel release with an estimated 7,000 litres of fuel spilled due to a ruptured flex connection in the pipeline.

The leak was discovered by an engineering firm contracted by PPD. When found, fuel had already stopped leaking as the impacted portion of the pipeline had emptied. Due to the steep gradient, most of the fuel is believed to have entered the ocean.

PPD is working closely with regulatory agencies, who are monitoring response efforts. The pipeline has been capped until repairs are complete. An environmental consultant has assessed the area and is preparing an action plan for remediation.

Residents are urged to contact the <u>Department of Environment</u> if they notice any sheening on the water or near the shoreline in the coming weeks.

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