

April 6, 2021

Enforcement File: 2021-0022

Ovintiv Canada ULC
P.O. Box 2850
500 Centre Street, SE
Calgary, AB
T2P 2S5

Attention: Michael Forgo, Senior Manager of Production Engineering and Operations

Re: General Order 2021-0022-01

Dear Mr. Forgo:

On February 4, 2021, the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) issued General Order 2021-0022-01 to Ovintiv Canada ULC (Ovintiv).

Ovintiv has satisfied all the requirements of the Order.

Please be advised that pursuant to section 49(8) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, General Order 2021-0022-01 is hereby terminated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Sincerely,



Patrick Smook
Executive Director, Compliance & Enforcement
BC Oil and Gas Commission

Enforcement Action 2021-0022-01

GENERAL ORDER

Section 49 *Oil and Gas Activities Act*

Issued to:

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Attention: Michael Forgo, Senior Manager of Production Engineering and Operations

Order:

Pursuant to sections 49(1)(e)(i) and 49(1)(e)(ii) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (the Act), I, Patrick Smook, order that Ovintiv Canada ULC (OVINTIV) must:

1. Immediately cease all operation of Project Number 25322.
2. Complete an Engineering Assessment of Project Number 25322 to the satisfaction of the BC Oil and Gas Commission by May 4, 2021.

Conditions:

- A. This order shall remain in effect until amended or terminated in whole or in part by the BC Oil and Gas Commission.

Reasons:

I make this order for the following reasons:

- i. OVINTIV is the permit holder for Project Number 25322 (pipeline). The pipeline is located on private land.
- ii. OVINTIV began operation of the pipeline on November 20, 2019.
- iii. On December 7, 2020 OVINTIV began repair work on pipeline joints 190-240 and 350-360 due to internal corrosion deficiencies.
- iv. On December 14, 2020 OVINTIV returned the pipeline to service.
- v. On January 28, 2021 OVINTIV experienced a structural failure and fire on the pipeline. OVINTIV classified the incident as having a threat level of 2.

- vi. The pathway of the spillage and fire followed the pipeline right of way into a forested area where the fire remained. The spillage continued to travel down slope into a creek which feeds into a landowner's livestock watering dugout.
- vii. During OVINTIV's initial incident response, approximately 3 landowners were required to shelter in place.
- viii. I am of the opinion that this order is necessary to mitigate a risk to public safety and to protect the environment.

Review and Appeal

Ovintiv Canada ULC may request a review of this order under section 70 of the Act by submitting a request for review to: ogc.determinationreviews@bcogc.ca.

Ovintiv Canada ULC may appeal this order to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal under section 72 of the Act. The process for appeals may be found at www.ogat.gov.bc.ca and a notice of appeal may be sent to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal at:

Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal
PO Box 4925 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9V1



Patrick Smook
Executive Director, Compliance & Enforcement
BC Oil and Gas Commission

DATED AT Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of February, 2021.