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Enforcement File: 2022-0053

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RE: Warning: Sediment into a Riparian Area May 17, 2022

Mr. Banham,

On May 17, 2022, ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp. (CPC) voluntarily self-disclosed to the British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER) that their water management plan for pipeline project 25316 at the Dead Horse Creek Riparian area (11-29-88-24) had failed. The result was erosion of a part of the pipeline right of way (RoW) which caused sediment to collect in the riparian area. This is in contravention of Section 12 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation (EPMR) which states the following;

“A person who carries out an energy resource activity on an operating area must ensure that the energy resource activity does not result in any deleterious materials being deposited into a stream, wetland or lake.”

When CPC became aware of the issue it took steps to stop the water flow issue by building proper diversion berms on the pipeline RoW and making use of silt fencing, sandbags and straw waddle fencing. CPC then took steps to remediate the area contaminated with silt.

A follow up inspection and report regarding the environmental impact to the area was done by a CPC employee on September 7, 2023. This report showed that native vegetation had begun growing in the sediment. CPC noted in the report that the RoW had been reclaimed and proper drainage had been established.

Given the circumstances, CPC is hereby issued a warning for the following:

1. On or about May 17, 2022, at or near Fort St. John, BC, CPC did allow sediment to collect in a riparian area, contrary to Section 12 of the EPMR.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Compliance & Enforcement Officer
BC Energy Regulator