



February 18, 2016

Ms. Laurel Mohl, Chairperson
Oil Spill Contingency Group #4 and # 5 Inc.
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Dear Ms. Mohl:

Re: Annual Membership, Saskatchewan Area #4 and #5 Spill Contingency Groups

Please accept this letter as acknowledgment of the excellent service the Saskatchewan Area #4 and #5 Spill Contingency Groups provide to their members in southeast Saskatchewan.

It is a standard condition of all well and facility licenses that the licensee is a member in good standing with the local spill response unit. If the licensee fails to uphold their membership, any facilities licensed to them can be suspended for noncompliance with the licence conditions. As well, under Section 2.2 of the Saskatchewan Upstream Petroleum Industry Storage Standards, S-01, operators must maintain their membership with the area spill response unit and participate in the annual spill training exercise(s).

A review of the Area #4 and #5 Contingency Group current equipment list confirms that it would be very difficult for the majority of our southeast producers to maintain a similar equipment inventory. It would also be very difficult for an individual operator to provide the number of trained personnel required to operate this equipment.

The Ministry of the Economy fully supports the efforts your group puts forth in their annual membership drive. If, during this year's solicitation for membership there are operators who choose not to join the Area #4 or #5 Spill Contingency Group, We would request you to provide this office with a list of those operators so tht we might contact them directly.

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I wish you success in your endeavors.

Your truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad Wagner".

Brad Wagner
Acting Director of Petroleum Development, ECON

cc: Doug MacKnight, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economy
Dean Pylypuk, Manager, Petroleum Development, Economy