

Hibernia power loss results in release of oily water

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St. John's, Newfoundland: Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd (HMDC) confirms that the Hibernia platform experienced a temporary loss of power on Saturday evening, which resulted in the activation of deluge (water sprinkler fire-fighting) systems. All personnel are safe and there was no fire on the platform. Power has been restored to the platform. Production is shut in.

Due to the deluge release, the waste containment drain system, which contained water and some oil, along with excess water from the deluge systems, overflowed onto the gravity based structure (GBS) and subsequently into the ocean.

A surveillance flight was carried out by PAL this morning. An estimate of the release will be provided as soon as possible based on that flight information.

The Paul A. Sacuta support vessel has deployed spill response equipment, a single vessel side sweep (SVSS) system. Two additional support vessels are containing the discharge to the immediate area to facilitate maximum recovery of the released fluid.

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board and Canadian Coast Guard have been notified.

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