



Update: Hibernia initiates shut down

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St. John's, Newfoundland: Earlier today, Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) confirmed a mix of water and oil was discharged from one of the platform's storage cells. The discharge occurred during routine activities related to removing water from one of the storage cells.

Findings from HMDC's preliminary investigation indicate there was an issue with the crude oil level measurement system. This system measures the oil and water interface in the storage cells.

"We decided to proactively shut down production on a temporary basis because it provides the most efficient way to resolve the issue with the storage cell," said Scott Sandlin, president of HMDC.

Wildlife observers have been deployed – one is enroute by a vessel and one participated in a surveillance flight over the area. In addition, crews are observing from the supply vessel. No wildlife have been observed in the area.

All platform personnel are safe.

The investigation is ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

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