Sheen observed at Hibernia platform

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St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador: Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) observed a sheen 2.5 kilometres from the Hibernia production platform, located 315 kilometres east south east of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador. All platform personnel are safe.

Water sampling late on July 19, during drill well flow back operations, indicated an exceedance on the produced water discharge. HMDC immediately shut in Hibernia production. The discharge would be a mixture of drilling and productions fluids. Visibility offshore today has been low due to weather conditions. Observations from PAL surveillance flights on Monday could not confirm the sheen.

A vessel dispatched to conduct visual observations reported a light sheen and there are no observed wildlife impacts.

HMDC is investigating the incident and has the resources to respond as appropriate.

HMDC has notified the Canada- Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board.

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