



September 4, 2014

## RE: Invitation to participate in marine oil spill joint exercise

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC), as part of our Transport Canada certification program, will be conducting a marine oil spill joint exercise with Suncor Energy on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The exercise will demonstrate WCMRC's capability to respond to a 1,000-tonne spill. The Canadian Coast Guard will be Lead Government Agency and Federal Monitoring Officer for the exercise.

The tabletop exercise will be accompanied by an on-water deployment of WCMRC vessels, equipment and personnel. WCMRC personnel will also occupy key positions in the Incident Command System (ICS). Suncor Energy will assume the role of Responsible Party. Suncor personnel from the Burrard Products Terminal will occupy key ICS positions. As the Responsible Party, the exercise will test Suncor's ability to coordinate a credible response to a TIER II incident using WCMRC as Suncor's contracted Response Organization.

We are inviting key members of surrounding communities to participate in a Stakeholders Group for the exercise. The Stakeholders Group will be comprised of industry, community and government agencies that may be adversely affected by a spill. These include local government and First Nations representatives, community emergency planners, neighborhood representatives, impacted industry representatives, port authorities and emergency service groups (police, ambulance, fire, hazmat).

Stakeholders will have opportunities to tour the Incident Command Post, observe the on-water vessel deployment, help identify sensitivities and concerns, and receive updates on the progress of the response.

A liaison officer will meet and greet stakeholders and orient them to the Incident Command Post, ensuring a safety orientation has been completed and an access badge has been issued.

Date: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Time: 8am – 4pm\* Vessel observation tour: 11:15am Lunch: 12:45pm (provided)

**Location:** Burrard Products Terminal, Port Moody

Please contact Michael Lowry at 778.991.0003 or <u>michael@wcmrc.com</u> to RSVP and receive details on accessing the venue for the exercise.

<sup>\*</sup> For those Stakeholders that cannot participate in the full day's activities they can leave as needed throughout the day or after the vessel observation tour.