

Environmental Spills – Information from ICBC

If you have an environmental spill caused by an accident while driving a commercial vehicle, in most cases your third-party liability policy with ICBC provides you with indemnity for reimbursement of reasonable costs.

It is crucial that you contact ICBC as soon as possible after the spill so that ICBC can provide you with policy and coverage information. Claims can be reported online 24/7 at icbc.com or via phone every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 604-520-8822 or 1-800-910-4222.

As indicated by the *Environmental Management Act*, when a spill or risk of spill occurs in British Columbia, **it must be reported immediately by calling 1-800-663-3456**. This is known as the Initial Report or Dangerous Goods Incident Report (DGIR). The DGIR must be completed by the person responsible (spiller).

Involving a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) immediately after a crash or as soon as possible can mitigate the risk and costs. These professionals can initiate the DGIR on your behalf. ICBC has Master Service Agreements (MSA) with seven firms with QEPs to assist you in dealing with the spill, and to mitigate claim costs and any impact on your fleet premiums. These firms can oversee both the emergency response and the environmental remediation, regardless of where the spill occurs (in BC, across Canada or in the United States).

Benefits of using a QEP under an ICBC MSA:

- Decreases your cleanup and remediation costs
- Reduces your company's exposure to fines and regulatory orders
- Simplifies claims processing
- Avoids permanent environmental damage and reputational harm
- Reduces third-party liability
- Minimizes your company's involvement in crisis communications, remediation, and requirement to pay for services as ICBC will work with and invoice the QEP directly.

See next page for the list of ICBC-approved QEPs.



1. GHD Contractors

Emergency response line:Canada 1-800-679-9082

U.S. 1-866-812-9565

Molly Corrigan: (General inquiries or non-

emergencies)

Email: molly.corrigan@ghd.com

2. Keystone Environmental

Sabrina McCarthy: 604-356-9248

Email:

smccarthy@keystoneenvironmental.ca

Office: 604-430-0671

After Hours Answering Service:

1-855-702-2071

Emergency Spill Response Coordinator

(ESRC) group:

Email: ESRC@keystoneenvironmental.ca

3. Nichols Environmental

Emergency response line:

1-877-888-6325

David Nuell: 403-993-6636

Email: nuell@nichols.ca

Ryan Taylor: 780-777-1902

Email: taylor@nichols.ca

4. Pario Engineering and Environmental Sciences

Emergency response line:

1-888-762-4667

Email: pario@pario.ca

Diane Wunder: Western Canada, Prairies,

North

1-587-586-8284 (24/7)

Email: diane.wunder@pario.ca

Neil Wilcox: Central and Atlantic

1-905-251-3543 - 365 24/7

Email: Neil.wilcox@pario.ca

5. SLR Consulting

Emergency response line:

1-877-354-4597

Gregory Lee: 250-320-0402

Email: glee@slrconsulting.com

Rob Brown: 250-961-0577

Email: rbrown@slrconsulting.com

6. Stantec

Shana Dumont: (780) 969-3222, Mobile:

587-336-2957

Email: shana.dumont@stantec.com

- Chris Gill: Direct: (250) 389-2536, Mobile:

(250) 508-1944

Email: chris.gill@stantec.com

7. WSP Canada

Gail Schultze: 604-455-5327

After hours: 604-308-1484

Email:

ICBC-SpillAssessmentRequests@wsp.com