

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY

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BC Oil & Gas COMMISSION



Wildfire Safety in Prince George-Cariboo Region

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is reminding industry to exercise extreme caution for all activities because as of Monday, July 10, 2017, the Prince George fire centre issued a prohibition for all open fires in the Prince George-Cariboo area. Significant wild fire threats continue for many communities across the interior of British Columbia.

Companies are strongly urged to undertake the following proactive measures:

- Increase vigilance when conducting flaring operations:
 - Sufficient blackened areas.
 - Flare stacks in good working order – no carbon build-up.
 - Knock-out drums checked, and high-level alarms and/or shut-offs in good working order.
- Increase site maintenance including the clearing of debris and vegetation.
- Review Emergency Response Plans with employees, specifically wildfire procedures.
- Report smoke or fire to 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 for cell phones.
- Provide employees with regular updates of fire hazards and preventive measures.

Links to wildfire mapping and other provincial emergency information is available on the Commission's [Provincial Emergency Updates web page](#), including the FireSmart Guidebook for the Oil and Gas Industry. If operations have been affected by the fire, permit holders must report the disruption to the Commission by calling the Emergency Officer at 250-793-7084.

Operators are encouraged to follow the [Province's Wildfire Situation web site](#) and stay abreast of news and bulletins related to current fire situations. They should ensure their staff are prepared to respond to any urgent requests from Wildfire Management with respect to fire operations around facilities and pipelines.

If you have any questions regarding this Safety and Environmental Advisory, please contact:

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