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Wildfire Update from the BC Oil and Gas Commission

As oil and gas permit holders operating in B.C., you are no doubt already aware of the current wildfire situation, and the state of provincial emergency that has been declared. The large number of fires, coupled with aggressive fire behaviour, has created significant risks in many parts of the province.

Our goal is to ensure oil and gas permit holders are able to effectively and safely manage operations and have, or develop a high level of situational awareness to keep safe their staff and contractors, and the wildfire crews who may be working in proximity to assets.

Fire locations – Active wildfire mapping is available, and all permit holders should review this information on a frequent and regular basis. For those with GIS support, data sets can be downloaded from the provincial government [Data Catalogue](#) and integrated into any asset mapping you have for your operations.

If you do not have GIS support, you can use the [BC Wildfire Service map](#) to review fire locations that may be close to your operations or threatening transportation corridors to and from your sites.

The Commission has a number of other resources available to industry, and recommends regional staff review these documents and ensure all relevant actions have been taken.

- [Firesmart Guidebook for the Oil and Gas Industry](#) – guide to making sites fire resilient.
- [CAPP Emergency Preparedness Guide for Hazards Associated with Wildfires](#).
- [Natural Disasters & Emergency Management](#) – a short guide to use of the Incident Command System (ICS) in natural disaster situations.

Coordination calls are being held daily with several provincial emergency operations centres. If your operations are potentially at risk from wildfires, these calls provide detailed regional weather and fire updates. If you want to access these calls, please email us at emp@bcogc.ca – you must include the following information in your email:

- Subject line – “FIRE COORDINATION CALL”.
- Main body: Area(s) where you have assets at risk – Check the [EMBC regions map](#) – this will determine participation in which call(s).
- Contact person(s) for each area – phone (preferably cell or staffed facility number) and email.

Given the current demands on firefighting resources, we also request all permit holders review [Safety & Environmental Advisory 2018-01](#) and ensure all recommendations have been fully addressed.

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

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