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AER responding to a pipeline failure near Fort McMurray

For immediate release

Calgary, Alberta July, 16, 2015...The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) is responding to a Nexen pipeline failure approximately 36 km south east of Fort McMurray.

The company reported that an initial estimated emulsion volume of 5000 m³ was released as a result of the pipeline failure.

The pipeline and pad site have been isolated and shut in, effectively stopping the source of the release. Nexen has initiated its emergency response plan, has established containment of the released emulsion and has initiated cleanup of the impacted area.

The company reported that the release has affected an area of approximately 40 m x 400 m and that the release is mainly isolated to the pipeline right of way which includes muskeg. The release has not flowed into a waterbody.

There are no reported impacts to the public or wildlife at this time and the AER has directed the operator to implement a wildlife protection plan in the area.

AER staff are on-site to assess the situation, initiate an investigation, and work with the company to ensure all safety and environmental requirements are met during the response to the incident.

Information about the incident can be found on the AER's [compliance dashboard](#).

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