# Burnaby Refinery Area 2 Hydrocarbon Seep Community Advisory Panel (CAP) October 21, 2010







## Objective of this presentation

To provide an update to CAP of progress made in addressing the Area 2 Hydrocarbon Seep



## Recap: Seep discovered and reported April 21, 2010





## Mitigation started same day





Burrard Clean deploys boom

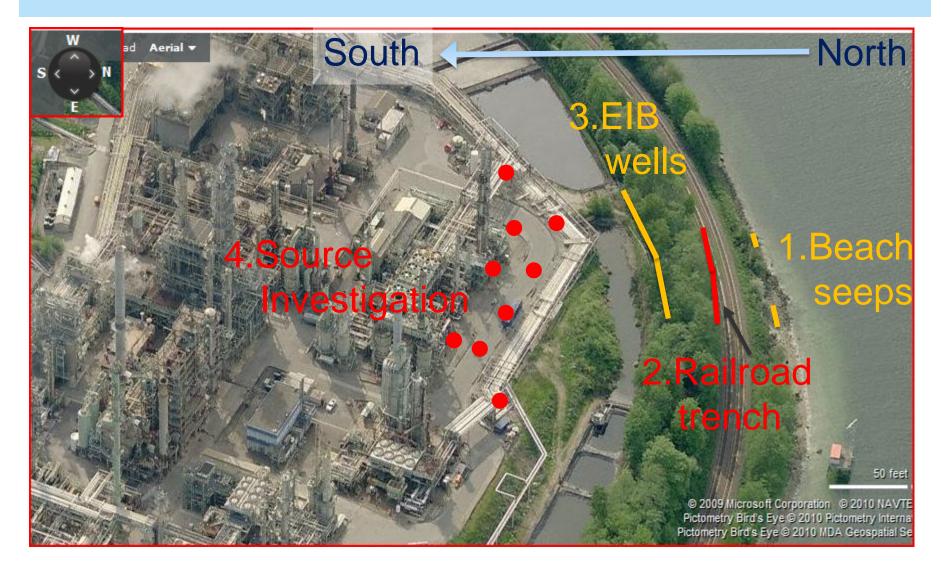
Observed volume of material estimated to be 5-7 tablespoons per day at beach



Railroad trench – April 22, 2010



## Response progress





## 1. Beach Seeps



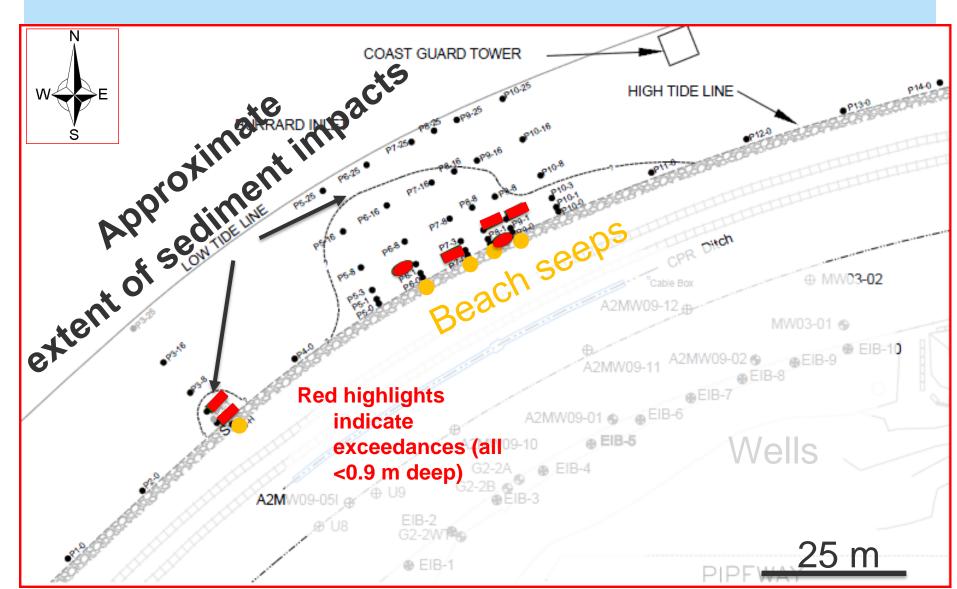
Coast Guard tower Goals:

locations of seeps

- 1. Understand extent
- 2. Contain and recover as much liquid hydrocarbon as possible
- 3. Respect external interests and meet associated obligations

## **Beach Investigation**





## Beach



#### **Progress and Current Status**

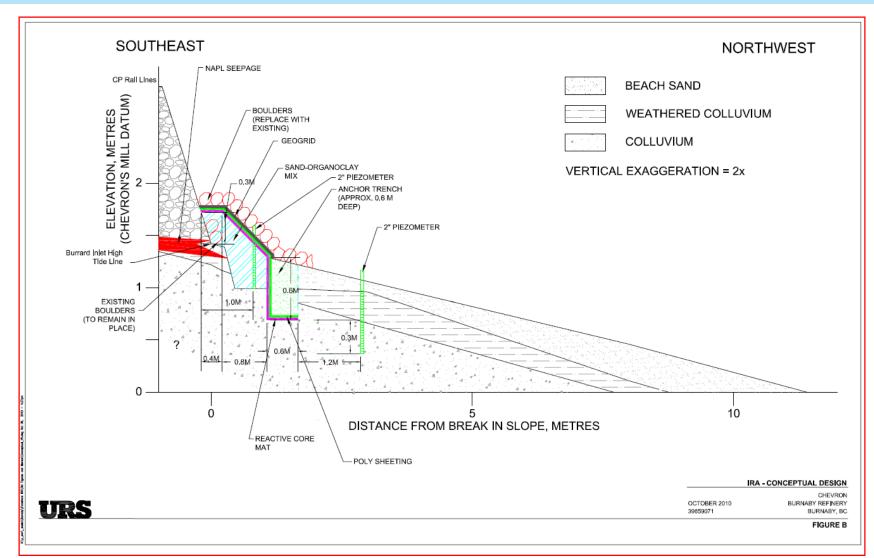
- Initial sampling investigation complete approximately 85% delineated
- Booming and surveillance is ongoing daily site visits

#### Next Steps (proposed)

- A plan for a Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) nearing completion; focus is on finding extent of contamination in pore-water
- Absorbent mats to intercept and recover any liquid hydrocarbons
  - Plan submitted to BERC and Environment Canada
- Archaeological permits pending and field study to be completed before any work can continue on beach
- Installation of mats and DSI anticipated for late-November/December

## Beach: Next Steps – Absorption Mats (subject to approval)





### 2. Railroad



#### Goals:

- Understand extent
- 2. Capture as much liquid hydrocarbon as possible
- 3. Ensure safety and slope stability
- 4. No impact on CP Rail schedule



## Railroad



#### **Progress and Current Status**

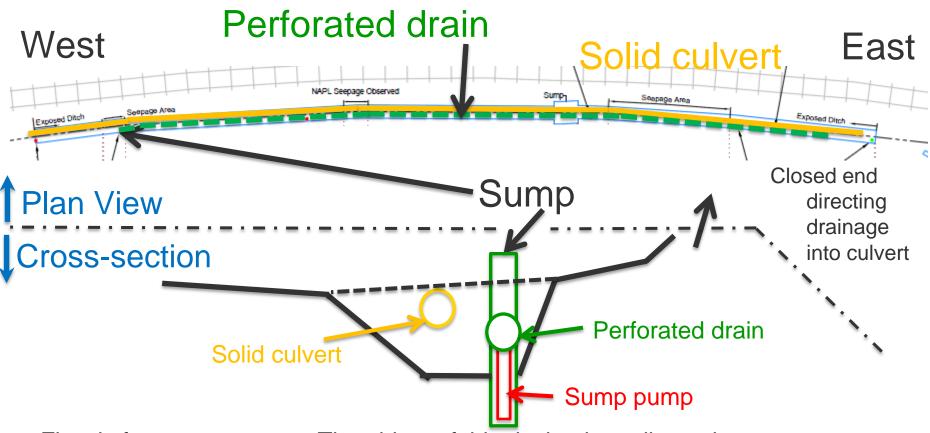
- Shallow investigations complete along trench
- Geotechnical assessment complete
- Safe site access complete
- Daily removal of liquids

#### Next Steps (proposed)

- Install pipe to safely divert rainwater running in trench past the seep area
- Install 1 or 2 extraction points to remove hydrocarbon and water
- System design being developed in collaboration with CP Rail.

## Railroad Next Steps – Potential Trench Design

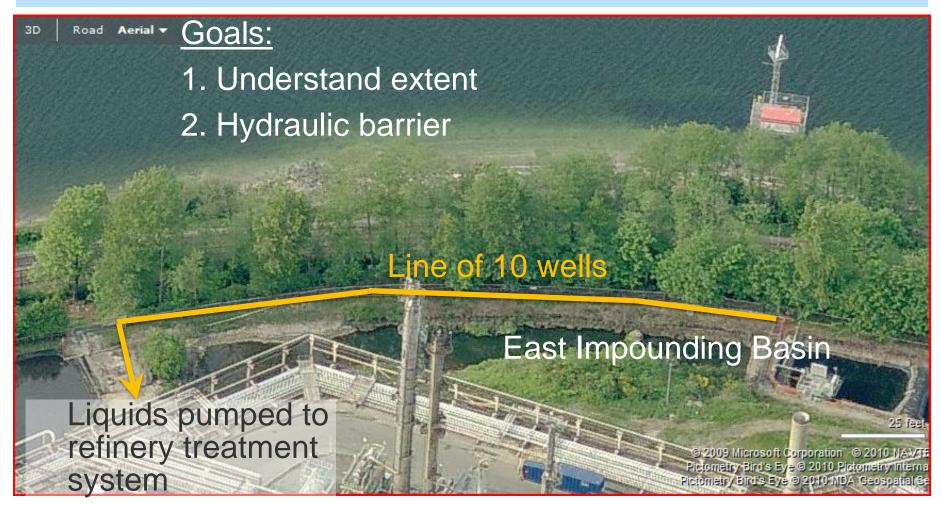




Flow is from east to west. The object of this design is to divert clean flow from upgradient portions of the trench past the seepage area, and to allow for monitoring and extraction of the seep material.

## 3. EIB (East Impounding Basin) Wells





View looking north

## **EIB Wells**



#### Progress and Current Status

- Pumping from 10 wells started August 5<sup>th</sup>
- Results to date show drawdown, but we don't know yet if it's enough to overcome natural downhill flow in all locations along the existing line of wells

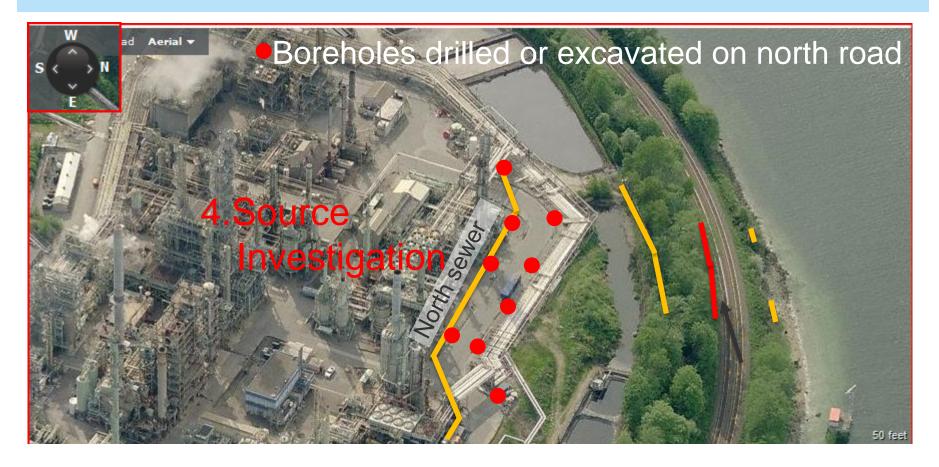
#### Next Steps —Testing Phase continues

- Continue with hydrogeological assessment of system effectiveness
- May need to explore alternatives or enhancements to current pumping system



## 4. Source Investigation





#### Goal:

1. Find any current contributing source to the seep

## Source Investigation



- Liquid hydrocarbon sample analyses:
  - Approximately 25% diesel and remainder mostly heavier gasoline, also minor jet fuel and/or crude oil
- Investigation Results to date:
  - Splitter crude line pressure tested no leaks
  - Refinery effluent and storm water sewer system
    - video inspection of north sewer no breaks/failures detected to date
    - excavated test holes near several sewer joints and manholes

## Source Investigation – Sewer Excavations





Sewer excavation

## Source Investigation



#### Progress and Current Status

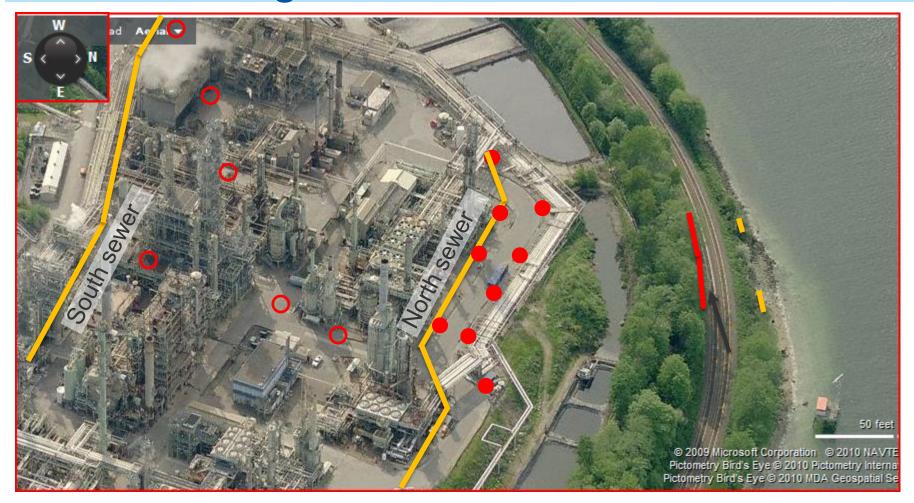
- Drilled and installed 10 wells on north road
- 6 excavations along north sewer
- No obvious source found yet although some wells have small amounts of liquid hydrocarbons

#### Next Steps – More drilling

- Drill along south sewer; several locations have been identified.
  - After the refinery shutdown and startup are complete (early November), we will be able to safely access these locations.

## Source Investigation Next Steps – More Drilling





Approximate location of proposed boreholes



## **Further Delineation**

#### On-site:

- "Nested" exploratory drill holes to help define geology and potential sub-surface migration pathways

#### Beach:

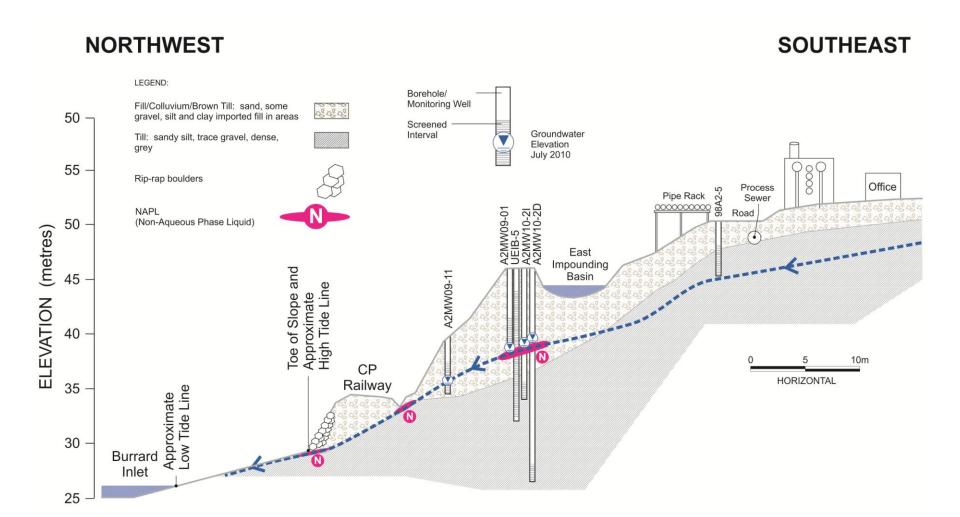
 A Stage 2 Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) is complete.

#### Timeline:

 Data collection, analysis, fill-in sampling (Detailed Site Investigation plan) and interpretation by December/January

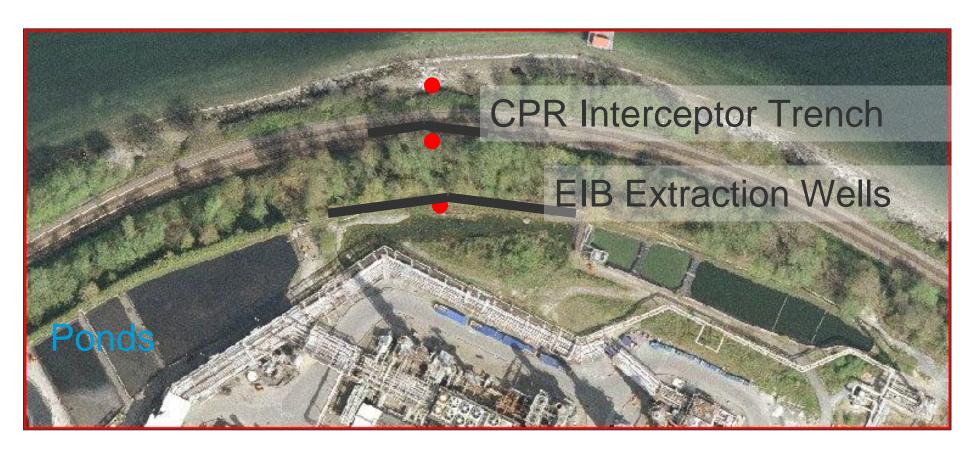
## **Cross Section**







## Remediation - 2 lines of extraction



EIB = East Impounding Basin



## Commitment

 Chevron is committed to ensuring that we protect our local environment, and mitigate and contain any potential impacts relating to this seepage.

 Our priority is to contain and prevent material from leaving our site, with oversight by the designated regulator.



## **Questions and Answers**