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Semi-annual Status Report for January through June 2020
BC Site Number 6726

Dear Ms. Zanini:

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This semi-annual status report is in response to the requirement set out by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) to keep the Ministry updated on information regarding on-going inspections, investigations, and remediation of the area of concern. It covers activities in the months of January through June 2020.

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Parkland continues the Burnaby Refinery’s longstanding commitment to ensuring that we protect our local environment, and we mitigate and contain potential impacts relating to the seepage from Area 2 of the refinery, which was first identified in April 2010.

These semi-annual updates, including attachments, are provided on the www.parklandcap.ca website (see “Refinery Area 2 Seep” under the Resources tab).

FORESHORE

The Foreshore Passive Treatment System (FPTS) construction was completed in October 2017 and has been in operation for over two years. As part of the FPTS, new flow-through treatment cells were installed in both the Eastern and Western Seep areas. The FPTS Construction report is posted on the CAP website (April 30, 2018 Update).

Due to the low concentrations and stability of contaminants of concern measured at the FPTS over the past three years, groundwater and porewater sampling on the Foreshore will be reduced to once per year starting in 2020. Parkland will continue quarterly observation and maintenance of the FPTS to ensure that it remains effective. Inspections of the FPTS were completed on March 12 and June 22, 2020. Annual monitoring reports for the work performed on the foreshore between 2011 and 2018, along with Fact Sheets, are available on the Parkland Community Advisory Panel (CAP) website. The 2019 Foreshore Monitoring report is now also posted on the CAP website as part of this update.

RAILROAD

Extraction of groundwater from the CPR interception trench continued during this half of 2020 and is ongoing. The system is monitored on a regular basis.

REFINERY

In general, the Perimeter Extraction System (PES) continued to operate effectively as designed and is monitored regularly. Performance of the PES between 2013 and 2019 is presented in five reports posted on the CAP website, with the 2019 report being posted as part of this update. These reports also include a summary of the refinery Perimeter Monitoring Program (PMP) of which the PES is a significant part. Reports on the PES for 2010/11 and 2012 are also on the CAP website.

I trust this provides you with our progress to date and demonstrates our on-going commitment to the proactive management of this situation. Please let either Nick Middleton (604-257-4021) or me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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