



April 17, 2009

To: All Oil and Gas Operators

**Re: The Disposal of Synthetic Rig Liners**

It has been brought to the attention of the province that hydrocarbon contaminated rig liners continue to be brought to the regional landfills, often concealed underneath loads of domestic garbage.

The purpose of this letter is to recognize the Peace River Regional District decision to prohibit the acceptance of “poly rig liners” at their municipal landfills, increase operator awareness of this issue, and express the support of both the Oil and Gas Commission and the Ministry of Environment for this decision.

Materials impacted by contaminants associated with upstream oil and gas activities should be segregated and disposed of at facilities authorized to take hazardous waste such as the CCS Silverberry landfill, the Doig River Energy landfill or the CCS Spirit River landfill in Alberta. This will likely involve the use of separate bins to ensure compliance with the Regional District policy.

Please be advised that as per the *Environmental Management Act*, municipal landfills are prohibited from accepting hazardous waste.

**Should you wish to discuss this matter you may contact either of the following:**

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Ministry of Environment  
(250) 565-6528

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BC Oil and Gas Commission  
(250) 261-2059