

SEIC Onshore Pipelines Remedial Action Plan

Welcome to the first online report outlining the progress being made on remedial action works along the length of the onshore pipeline route.

This report gives an overview of progress made in relation to the Remedial Action Plan which comprises three key areas: River Habitat, Erosion Control and Reinstatement and Wetlands.

The actions included in the Remedial Action Plan have been developed specifically to reduce environmental impacts and restore the areas affected by construction activities. Effectively implementing the plan is a key focus of the pipelines project team.

Progress

Work has commenced in three areas of remediation. All the specific targeted activities have started according to plan.

River Habitat:

Encouragingly the preliminary results of the river monitoring of Group 2 and 3 rivers crossed during the 2005 –2006 winter are showing that efforts to prevent erosion and reduce sedimentation in the rivers are having an effect.

Overall, no significant decline has been recorded in the number or density of Redd's (nests created by the salmon prior to spawning) post construction. The data monitoring changes to the makeup of the Riverbed indicate that the short term effect to the habitat is generally limited to less than 150 meters downstream. Whilst this information is encouraging, no definitive conclusion can be made until the results of the 2007 surveys are included and all available data are analysed.

The summer component of the post construction monitoring on Group 2 and 3 rivers is now complete and the autumn campaign is underway.

Erosion Control and Reinstatement

On-site erosion control training has been successfully implemented on the construction sites, educating workers on techniques for effectively preventing erosion and sediment run-off. Temporary erosion control measures are being implemented according to plan and where otherwise required along the Right of Way. Currently over 80% of this programme is now complete. Encouragingly the results of the 2007 turbidity monitoring are showing that erosion controls measures have been effective.

Permanent reinstatement works are underway and will continue into 2008 as construction progresses. As a result, increased focus is being directed toward this activity for 2008. Biological reinstatement is generally being undertaken by landowners of the particular sections of land, however, to ensure appropriate control, crews are being directly managed by the pipelines reinstatement team and environmental supervisors. Additionally, to improve delivery, procedures for issuing, approving and tracking reinstatement actions are in place with weekly reinstatement progress being tracked centrally.

As we move into the autumn period, work has commenced scoping areas requiring winterization.

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Wetlands

Wetlands remediation is progressing on target. Work on the wetlands register and field verification is complete. Areas requiring technical reinstatement are being identified. To aid the effectiveness of the works a Wetlands Remediation Tool Box has been complete and has been issued to construction teams.

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