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Update to Occurrence at Line Creek Water Treatment Facility

Sparwood, B.C. – Between October 16 and 17, 11 fish were found deceased in the area of the water treatment facility at Line Creek Operations. We immediately notified appropriate regulatory authorities and initiated an investigation to determine the cause.

Subsequently the total number of deceased fish found has increased to 34. While the investigation into this incident is ongoing, the startup process of the water treatment facility—recently installed to reduce selenium in water—may potentially be related to the incident. As a precautionary measure, the facility was shut down following the incident.

It will now be necessary to decommission, then restart and re-commission the water treatment facility. This will allow for enough time to fully understand the cause of the incident and implement any mitigation measures that may be required. As a result, full operation of the water treatment facility is now not expected until early 2015.

“We take this incident very seriously and are actively working to determine the cause,” said Nic Milligan, Manager of Community and Aboriginal Affairs. “We are committed to taking the steps necessary to ensure water quality and aquatic health is protected in the Elk Valley for the long term.”

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