

ITEM 18

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 74

COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 14/72

18. Re: Oil Spill - Gulf Oil Company

Following is a report from the Chief Public Health Inspector concerning an oil spill which recently occurred in Burrard Inlet adjacent to the Gulf Oil Company Plant:

"On Friday, November 3, 1972, a Seaspan barge was being loaded at the east dock of Gulf Oil Canada Ltd. The dock is situated on the Burnaby side of the Burnaby/Port Moody boundary line. At 3:00 a.m. on November 3, 1972, diesel fuel being loaded to the barge over-flowed its compartment and entered Burrard Inlet. Approximately 875 gallons of diesel fuel were discharged to the Inlet.

Gulf Oil officials immediately proceeded to set their containment booms and succeeded in holding the spill. Work then commenced on the gathering and clean-up of the spill material. The National Harbours Board was alerted by Gulf Oil personnel and an official from the Federal Department of Environment attended during clean-up operations. Clean Seas Canada Ltd. was retained for the clean-up operation. An oil slicker was employed in the removal of spill material and dispersants were not used. The Department of Environment advised this office that the clean-up operation was satisfactory.

We would generally advise that where spills occur directly to the Inlet the Federal Department of Environment and National Harbours Board superintend clean-up operations. Information regarding the progress and finalization of the clean-up is relayed to the Medical Health Department.

When spills occur involving Burnaby lands or water-courses, Municipal authorities are directly involved."

This is for the information of Council.