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Mr. Kerry Morris
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Dear Mr. Morris:

The Office of the Prime Minister and the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, has forwarded to me your email message of January 25, 2017, concerning the environmental impact of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project. I regret the delay in responding.

The Government of Canada is committed to a clean environment while nurturing a strong economy. It operates on the polluter pays principle. Consequently, in the event of a spill, the polluter or responsible party that is required to take actions (such as collecting and disposing of a pollutant such as oil, or addressing oiled wildlife or shorelines) under Canadian laws bears the related cost.

The federal government takes threats to the environment very seriously. In cases of environmental emergencies such as an oil spill, Environment and Climate Change Canada's key role is to provide scientific advice to responders and other implicated agencies (for example, federal, provincial/territorial or municipal) on how best to reduce impacts on the environment. The Department's National Environmental Emergencies Centre is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to assist responders and implicated agencies in addressing significant pollution incidents. The advice and information it provides include up-to-date weather forecasts, wildlife expertise, modelling of the movement of pollutants, mapping of environmentally sensitive areas at risk, and identifying potential consequences and solutions.

I trust that this information helpful. Please accept my regards.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.