

Protecting Critical Infrastructure: A Collaborative Approach

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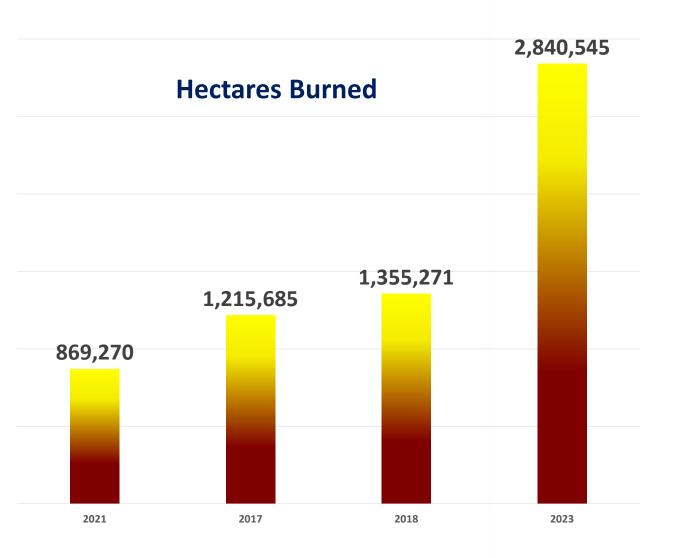
Incident Types Are Changing

- Infrastructure being impacted by natural disasters
- Risks are more than spills
- Better understanding needed between companies and communities









Some context . . .

- **2,245** Number of fires across British Columbia, about one third of the national total of 7,131.
- 17 Production areas impacted
- 64 Energy Companies Contacted
 62 provincially, 2 federally regulated, with wildfires in proximity to their assets.
- **100 +** The number of overwintering "Zombie" fires.



Four topic areas were identified for discussion within the November 2023 roundtable event:



- 1. GIS Tools and Systems
- 2. Evacuation & Entry Protocols / Processes
- 3. Communications
- 4. Wildfire Resilience (Firesmart, Structural Protection, Planning)

A fifth topic, safety, also emerged from the discussions



2023 Wildfire Season Ro

On November 2nd, 2023, the BC Energy Regulator hosted a post-season wildfire round-table. The goal of this gathering was to understand the impacts of the fire season on participants, to look at key actions undertaken, and to identify best practices and opportunities for improvement.

We are grateful for the opportunity to hold our discussions on the traditional territories of the Treaty 8 Nations, and acknowledge the devastating impacts that the season's fires had on many Indigenous communities across the province, particularly in North-Eastern British Columbia.

We also want to acknowledge the valuable contributions to the forum from the BC Wildfire Service, Peace River Regional District, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Energy Safety Canada, members of the Aboriginal Liaison Program, and the many industry participants.

Industry and Agencies

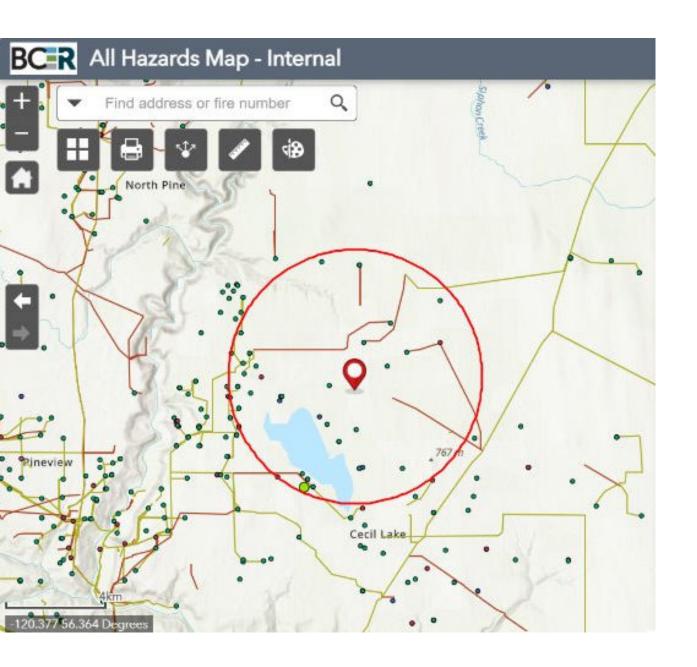
- Working with local authorities
- Identifying supporting agencies
- Focus on safe operations





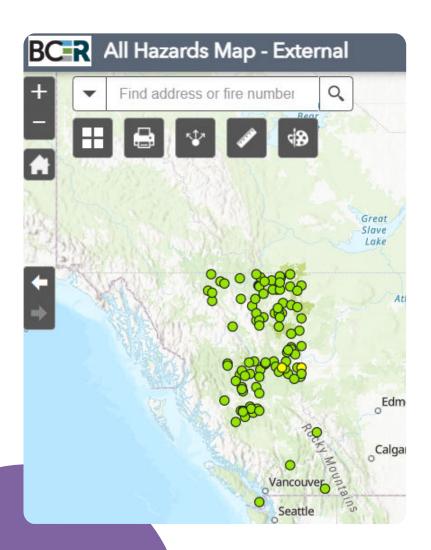
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New Resources

Updated all-hazards map

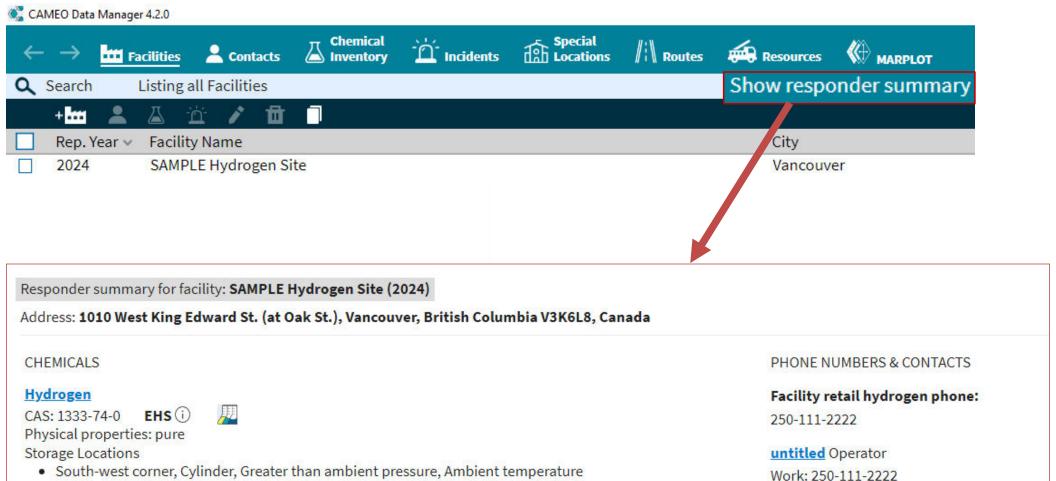


Focus on field staff safety

- Evolving our tools
- Common map format
- Immediate focus on wildfire
- Able to integrate other hazards

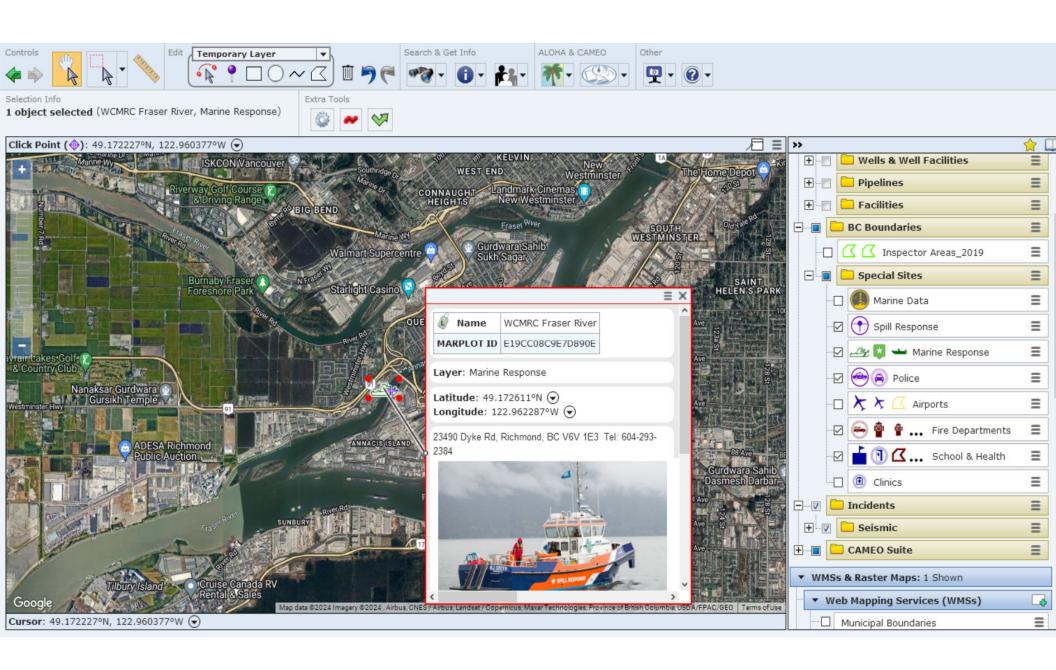


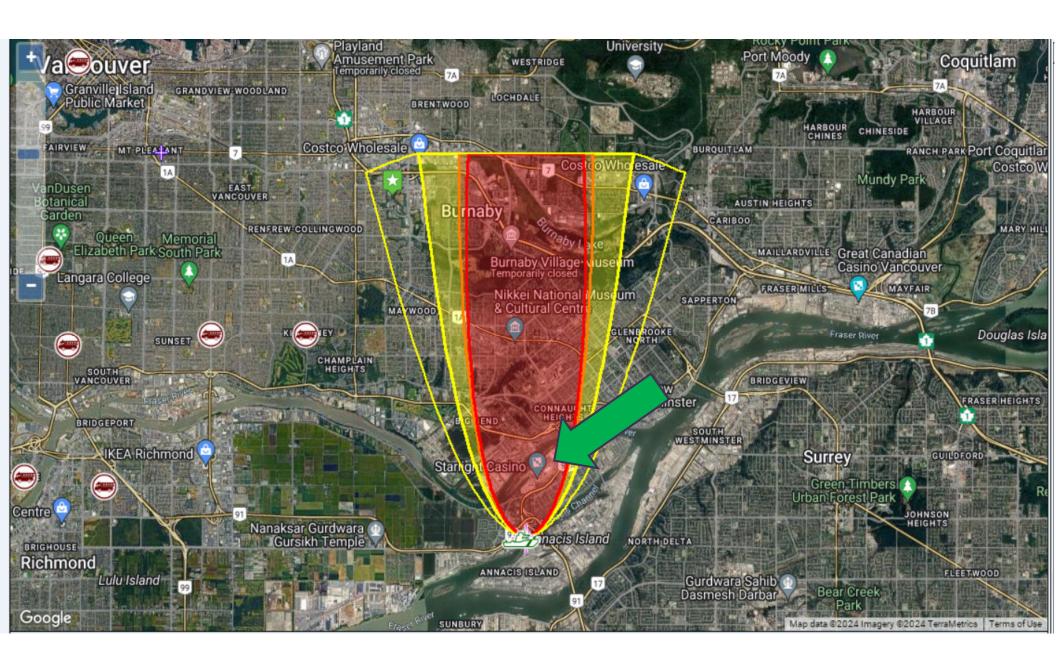




Physical Hazards: Explosive; Flammable (gases, aerosols, liquids, or solids); Gas under pressure (compressed

Health Hazards: Simple asphyxiant





Working near Pipelines



If crews working on firebreaks accidentally hit a pipeline, we can model the release, know where the risks are going to be.



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