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Investigation Update

As an update to the public statement made on January 12, 2018, regarding the release experienced by the Town of Unity, the Ministry of the Economy (ECON) would like to provide the following information:

- Since the previous update, engineers with ECON have conducted an additional inspection on facilities which may have been responsible for the odour experienced by the Town of Unity. It can be confirmed that facilities had appropriate and extensive H₂S monitoring equipment on site, and the equipment worked appropriately on January 2, 2018.
- ECON continues to investigate potential point sources to confirm the source of the release.
- As previously indicated, ECON has contracted Intrinsik Corp. (Intrinsik), a consulting firm with expertise in toxicology for the protection of human health and the environment to advise ECON on the investigation process and assess results of air testing.
- Intrinsik is working very diligently to prepare a report for ECON, and at this time, more analysis on the content of the waste that may have caused the odour is required before Intrinsik can reach a reliable scientific conclusion.
- Because of nature of incident, multiple lines of scientific information must be examined, including the air test, before a report can be prepared. Intrinsik expects to have a report on the nature of the odour and an analysis of the release next week providing no other lines of investigation arise during the final stages of the analysis.
- ECON is unable to provide further information with respect to the release today, however it is essential to apply proper scientific methods to the investigation to ensure accuracy of findings.

Investigation work will continue over the next several weeks with a full report prepared once it is completed.

This report will include actions required to address issues identified in the investigation. Some of these measures will be implemented as they are identified through the course of the investigation.

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