

Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change

Press Communique

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change deeply regrets the accident which occurred at sea near Poudre d'Or at around 20.30 hours on Monday 31 August and presents its deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

Following information received from the Mauritius Ports Authority that the sunk Tug Sir Gaetan Duval was carrying 25 T of diesel for its own use as well as lubricating oil present in its engine, the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan has been activated. As for the Barge Ami Constant, it was reported to be empty and is in the lagoon.

As at Tuesday 01.09.2020 at 11. 00 am, no trace of pollution has been observed on the shore and in the lagoon.

Officers of the Ministry and other stakeholders are on site and monitoring any environmental impact. Aerial, water and air quality, flora and fauna and ecological surveys are being undertaken by the local and Japanese Expert teams.

Sorbent booms are being deployed on site as a precautionary measure.

The National Coast Guard is presently carrying research and rescue operations.

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