

UPDATE: Small fire at Cenovus Christina Lake operation

May 3, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

We are pleased to update that the worker who was sent to hospital following the small tank fire at our Christina Lake operation yesterday was treated and released. Our investigation into what caused the fire continues. We will use our learnings to take steps to prevent an incident like this from happening again.

You can contact Rhona DelFrari, Cenovus's Media Spokesperson, at 403-472-8828 or rhona.delfrari@cenovus.com if you have additional questions.

May 2, 2014, 8:30 p.m.

At 4:20 p.m. today, a fire was reported at Cenovus's Christina Lake operation located in northeastern Alberta, approximately 120 kilometres south of Fort McMurray. Our emergency response plan was immediately activated and the fire was brought under control and put out within about an hour.

The fire burned outside sections of two tanks that hold oil. One worker who was involved in routine maintenance near the tanks received burns and was taken by ambulance to hospital in Fort McMurray. Another worker was assessed by medical staff on site and released.

The incident has been contained and there is no threat to public safety or to the environment. Air quality levels are considered to be normal. No production impacts are expected as a result of the incident.

The cause of the fire is not yet known and we're still investigating the extent of the damage. We take responsibility for the incident. Alberta Occupational Health and Safety has been notified. An investigation into the cause of the fire is underway.

We will release further information as it becomes available or you can contact Rhona DelFrari, Cenovus's Media Spokesperson, at 403-472-8828 or rhona.delfrari@cenovus.com.