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Dear NCLGA Members,

Please find attached correspondence from Minister George Heyman in response to Resolution R5 – Shipment of Dangerous Goods by Rail (Kitimat-Stikine Regional District).

Moving forward, we welcome your thoughts or replies to this correspondence and we encourage you to add it to your next agenda package for further discussion.

For more information on the original letter sent by NCLGA please contact [admin@nclga.ca](mailto:admin@nclga.ca).

Best regards,

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Dear Ms. Beckett:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, 2019, regarding shipment of dangerous goods by rail.

The Province of British Columbia recognizes that oil spills due to railway incidents pose a significant risk to the environment. In October 2017, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy developed its first phase of regulations which place certain requirements on railways, pipelines and trucking transporters to address these risks. As a result of these regulations, transporters must develop and test spill contingency plans to prepare for spills; adhere to more stringent spill reporting requirements; and may be required to develop a recovery plan to address damage to the environment.

The government is currently developing a second phase of spill regulations that would potentially require railways and/or pipelines to develop geographic response plans to ensure resources are available to support an immediate response to a spill and adhere to response time planning standards that would ensure a timely response following a spill.

Although the government's official window for comment on the proposed regulations closed April 30, 2018, I appreciate the North Central Local Government Association's interest in strengthening the government's ability to improve spill preparedness, response and recovery from potential spills.

Thank you again for your letter regarding the shipment of dangerous goods by rail.

Sincerely,

George Heyman  
Minister