



Nalcor Energy investigating fire at Bishop’s Falls generating plant

April 18, 2011 St. John’s, NL – Nalcor Energy is investigating the cause of a fire that started at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, April 15 at its Bishop’s Falls Hydroelectric Generating Station. The fire began in Unit 2 of the facility, and was contained to the unit and extinguished by the fire department before 8 p.m. Friday night.

“The safety of our employees is of first and foremost importance in an incident such as this one,” said Chris Kieley, Vice President, responsible for operations at the plant. “While one employee was taken to hospital for observation as a precautionary measure for smoke inhalation, we are pleased to report he was released later that evening and returned to work. No injuries have been reported.”

Nalcor employees at the site are working to determine the exact cause of the fire, and fully assess the damage to the facility.

Nalcor also reported that during the fire, a small amount – estimated to be about 10 litres – of oil escaped to the Exploits River. As part of the company’s Environmental Response Protocol, Nalcor reported the incident to the Canadian Coast Guard. A representative from the Department of Environment and Conservation has been onsite to investigate.

“The hard work and dedication of our employees to follow the emergency processes and procedures we have in place was critical to protecting both people and assets,” said Kieley.

“Nalcor thanks the Bishop’s Falls Volunteer Fire Department, whose efforts and commitment to safety ensured the protection of the public and our employees,” he added.



About Nalcor Energy

Nalcor Energy is headquartered in St. John's, NL, Canada. Its business includes the development, generation, transmission and sale of electricity; the exploration, development, production and sale of oil and gas; industrial fabrication and energy marketing. Focused on sustainable growth, the company is leading the development of the province's energy resources and has a corporate-wide framework which facilitates the prudent management of its assets while continuing an unwavering focus on the safety of its workers and the public. Nalcor currently has five lines of business: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, Churchill Falls, Oil and Gas, Lower Churchill Project and Bull Arm Fabrication.

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