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Hi 38(1)b,

Thank you for checking that and passing on the information about the cockle bed. I will let the MCA know as they are in direct contact with the operator.

I have attached (**attachment can be found and the end of this email on page 3 of this document**) the latest email update, received today. It looks like they are hoping to pump the fuel from the main fuel tank today and, over the next few days, ensure that all remaining fuel has been removed. Next week, they are then planning to seal the silo's containing the fish feed which will then be left in situ until the barge is lifted. This is likely to be March 2022 when the site is next fallow.

I will let you know if there are any further significant developments. Otherwise, just let me know if you have any further concerns from today's update.

Kind Regards,

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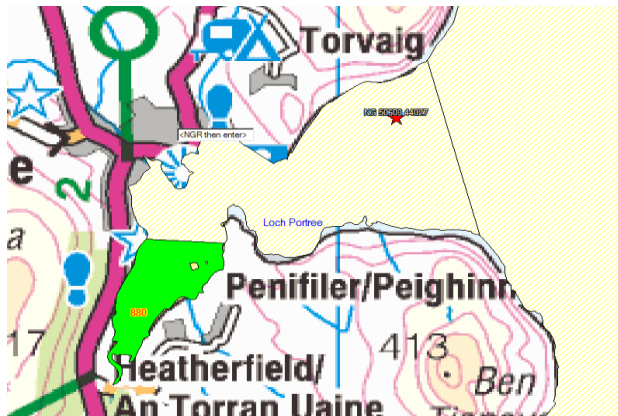
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Hi 38(1)b. Thanks for your e-mail. While we have no immediate concerns I should be obliged if you could let us know if the situation with the sunken vessel deteriorates or changes.

There is a cockle bed 2.3km (Loch Portree Cockles) from the sunken vessel, so I have sent an e-mail just for info to Highland Council's Environmental health team just in case anything develops.



Kind Regards,

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FW: Portree feed barge incident

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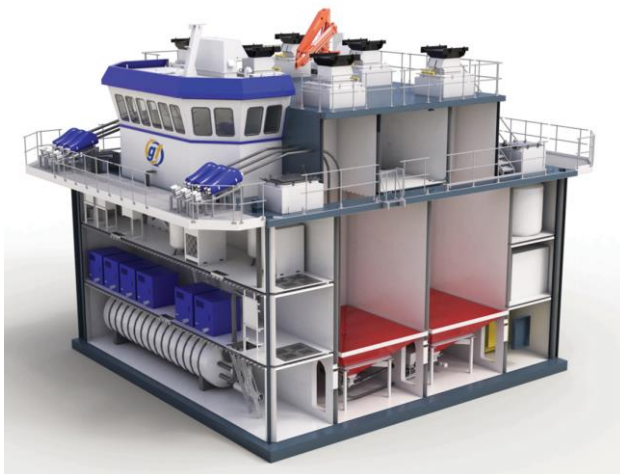
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Dear all

Please see the update in the email thread below. In summary hydrocarbons and other pollutants accessible by divers will be removed in the next few days. The approx. 350tonnes of feed onboard will be sealed into the silos and dealt with at a later time when the barge is lifted (salvors are being consulted at this time) – which is likely to be March 2022 when cages will be fallow. Given the depth and tidal flows in the area any leeching of nutrients is likely to be distributed over a relatively wide area in very small quantities.

The barge reportedly sank on its moorings, and has impacted the seabed substrate (reportedly sand/mud) at an angle and is submerged approx. 800mm. The following images give you an indication of what the barge looked like before it sank – construction is largely concrete.



If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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Good Evening Everyone,

I know some of us have spoke today already but I will issue the daily updates as agreed until the barge is secure and the recovery of the Fuel and securing of the silos has been completed. I will then switch to a weekly update unless there is significant change to the situation.

Today's activity

Assembly of the fuel pumping equipment and checking of all fittings for the removal of the on-board fuel.

Activity planned for tomorrow weather permitting

Removal of the fuel from the barge fuel tanks

Other outstanding activities

Items 1 – 3 will be carried out once underwater visibility has improved, Item 4 will be Next week target for completion.

1. Recovery of 3 x oxygen packs
2. Recovery of kerr mobile compressor
3. Recovery 1 x 1500litre fuel cube
4. Plates to be manufactured and fitted to seal the feed silos

Once these items have been completed we will move onto the recovery phase and planning of the barge

If you have any questions or require any further information please feel free to contact me directly

Many Thanks

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38(1)b our 38(1)b will head up the salvage operation from our end and will send out any updates going forward.

At the moment we have recovered all the shore line debris, 1 fuel cube (still full of fuel) and the external generator from the sea bed. Focus now moves to recovering the fuel from the internal fuel tank, which we hope to complete this week.

We have also been liaising with our insurance company on the salvage operation itself, but this will take some time to get in place.

As things stand, we see no danger to shipping and the barge is secure within our site boundaries.

All fish pens and nets have been checked and remain secure and fully operational.

Regards

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