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Leaking Well Successfully Contained

The Ministry of Energy & Energy Industries is pleased to advise that Couva Marine 2 - the leaking oil well in the Gulf of Paria - was successfully brought under control at 12:00 noon today. The shut-in well developed a leak on July 04 and had been emitting a combination of gas and oil since then.

The “well kill plan”, which went into effect at 6:00 a.m. today, is the result of several days of strategizing and planning to ensure that the well was brought under control without injury to personnel involved and with minimal impact on the environment.

Today’s milestone is a significant one and represents the initial stage in the formal abandonment process through which the well will be properly capped and the threat to health, safety and the environment removed.

Operations are still in progress at the wellsite and marine craft operators are requested to continue to maintain an exclusion area with a radius of three (3) nautical miles.

The Ministry would like to thank the members of the incident command team and all parties involved in the well control and containment activities for their support and for ensuring that there were no accidents or incidents throughout the exercise.

Further details will be provided in a subsequent release.



Caption: Photos of the well before and after control was established

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