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TEMA LEADING AND MANAGING EFFORTS IN OIL SPILL RESPONSE

On Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 9:00AM, the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) received information from the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG), that on Wednesday 7th February 2024 an oil like substance was observed emanating from an overturned vessel in the area of Canoe Bay, Tobago.

In this regard, an emergency response meeting among the following key agencies, The Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG), Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA), Environmental Management Authority (EMA), Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport (MSD), Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) was hosted by the MEEI at 2:00PM on Wednesday 7th February 2024, during which the Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) indicated that the 'Tobago Oil Spill Contingency Plan' was immediately triggered and that TEMA will be leading and managing the response.

The MEEI has informed TEMA that it is available and prepared to provide technical support to TEMA in managing this incident. An MEEI team has been dispatched to Tobago to provide assistance should TEMA and the Tobago House of Assembly so desire.

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