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IH issues water advisory following tanker truck accident near Shuswap River

Interior Health is advising residents along the Shuswap River from about 6 kilometres east of Ashton Creek to the mouth of river at Mara Lake to be cautious and check their water for any signs of diesel fuel. This advisory comes after Interior Health was notified that a tanker truck crashed near 1435 Enderby Mabel Lake Road this morning, spilling up to 4,090 liters of gasoline and 12,500 litres of diesel into a flooded field adjacent to the river.

It is unclear at this time if fuel has entered the river. This is a precautionary advisory for water users in the immediate area of the spill and those along the Shuswap River downstream from the accident to the mouth of Mara Lake. There is no risk from this spill to water systems upstream from where the accident occurred.

See attached map of the impacted area.

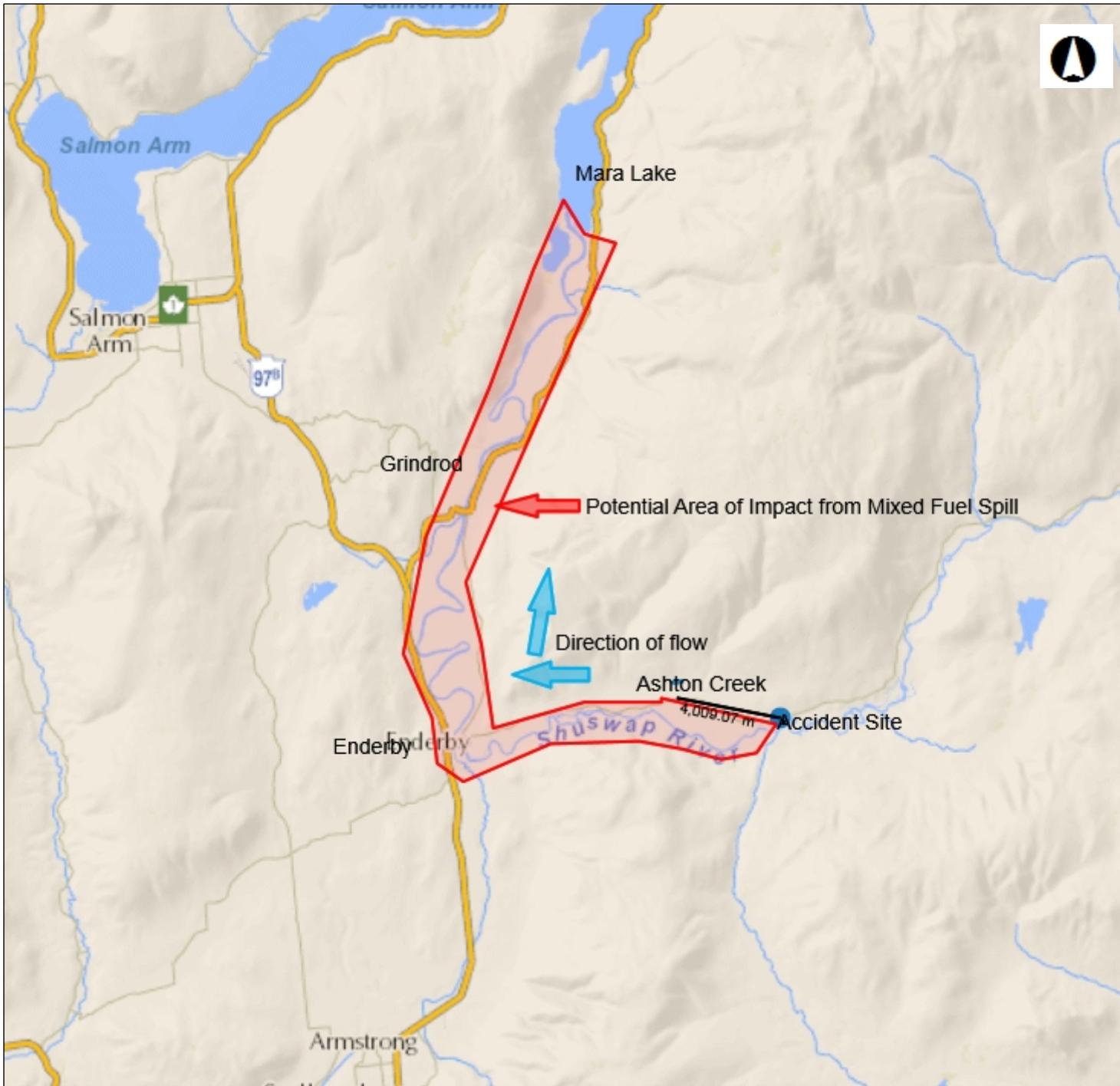
Any residents along the river in the impacted area should not use water if it smells or tastes like fuel or if there is fuel visible in the water. This includes no drinking, showering/bathing or brushing teeth if a fuel odour is detected. Diesel fuel and gasoline can pose a health risk following ingestion, inhalation or skin absorption.

Interior Health has contacted community water system operators in Enderby and Grinrod. Both systems draw water from the river and the operators are taking steps to ensure their water users are protected.

Ministry of Environment and environmental consultants are responding to contain the spill. Interior Health will be monitoring this situation and provide updates as new information is available.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



Mabel Lake Rd Tanker
Spill Potential Area of
Impact

TileCache



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