



## MEDIA RELEASE

### EMA RESPONDS TO OIL SPILL OFF GASPAREE ISLAND

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The Environmental Management Authority (EMA) received a report from the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard regarding a major oil spill south-west of Gasparee Island. According to the EMA's Managing Director/CEO, Dr. Joth Singh, "On receiving this report yesterday morning, the EMA immediately contacted emergency officials from the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs (MEEA). The response has been a collaborated one with the EMA working closely with officials from the Coast Guard, the Air Guard, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management and the Institute of Marine Affairs to conduct aerial and sea surveys to ascertain the extent of the spill. The MEEA has also retained the services of Kaizen (Trinidad) Environmental Services Ltd to start containment efforts."

Dr. Singh also said that the EMA will be updating the public as more information becomes available.

The EMA and the MEEA would therefore like to advise the operators of crafts and the general public to avoid these following locations at coordinates in the Gulf of Paria. This is to facilitate clean-up operations of the oil spill.

<b>10° 36' 18.7" N 61° 44' 12.5" W</b>	<b>South of Chacachacare Island</b>
<b>10° 39.535' N 61° 37.338' W</b>	<b>North of Carrera Prison Island</b>

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