Nyrstar Myra Falls conducted a desktop test of the Emergency Response Plan January 14th, 2015. A practical test will be completed by July 31, 2015 at the latest, it is tentatively scheduled for May, however we plan to cover multiple crews, and may not be able to fully complete the full site until the July date.

Previous practical tests performed on the Environmental Emergency Reponses were held on May 26th, 2013 and October 30, 2013.

The desktop test performed this month indicated the following:

The theoretical response provided was consistent with the EPRP, the described response followed the step-by-step actions taken for a dam break to surface accurately, with some excellent suggestions on response to release downstream in Myra Creek and the Buttle Lake. Response to theoretical loss of tailings to underground working in Lynx was also consistent with the EPRP, however the individuals interviewed did not believe this to be a realistic concern. When asked where to find additional information, the individuals interviewed for the scenario were aware of the EPRP, but had not reviewed it themselves. Printed copies have been made available to these individuals and / or their departments, all people interviewed knew where it was located.

Findings: Additional training at the site supervisor level is required on the technical contents of the Emergency Response Plan as a whole. Supervisors at all levels must be encouraged to review the document for content, as well as familiarize themselves with the resource listed within. The general workforce should be included in educational talks regarding the EPRP, its contents and it's use to ensure they are familiar with it in general, they now where to go to find out more information, and to allow them the knowledge that their safety and environmental concerns have been considered by the company in general.

Forward moving plan: Training packages will be developed for each level of organization on the EPRP and delivered by end of Q2, 2015. Further practical drills will be performed on at least an annual basis, and findings and summaries will be kept on record and available to the MEM on request.